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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Time For Action

THE incredible situation at the Koje Island POW camp is fast becoming beyond comprehension. Brigadier-General Boatner, the new commandant, now has to admit that "We (the UN command) have control of the prison camp outside the barbed wire, but we do not have control inside." And if that were not preposterous enough, he has to suggest that "it is impossible to control 6,000 men if they don't want to be controlled and are under Communist subversive control inside." This is complete nonsense. In the light of such a mental attitude as that possessed by General Boatner, (and recalling the earlier fiasco of Brigadier Dodd and Brigadier Colson) Mr Attlee and his colleagues can hardly be blamed for suggesting in the House of Commons that if the British authorities had been in control none of the recent events would have happened. The impression gained is that the American camp commandants have confused humanness with supineness.

ACCORDING to the principles laid down at the Geneva Convention of 1929, "Prisoners of war must at all times be humanely treated. Like-wise protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults." There is nothing, however, in the Geneva Convention which says prisoners of war shall be given such freedom that they are in a position to make for themselves lethal weapons, plot insurrection, kidnap officers, hold drum-head trials and condemn fellow prisoners to death: in general to be able to place themselves above the authority and jurisdiction of their captors. The incidents at Koje Island camp expose the distressing inefficiency of the senior officers in charge who represent the United Nations Command. Moreover, any further display of ineptitude will automatically reflect on the Commonwealth troops which have been called in to assist in restoring order. Clearly this consideration was at the back of Mr Lester Pearson's mind when he expressed his concern to the State Department over the sending of Canadian troops to the island without prior consultation with or approval of the Canadian Government.

BRIGADIER Boatner has felt it necessary to admonish British troops not to be over-zealous in their duties at Koje Island because if there is any chance of their actions being misunderstood, "Communist propagandists will misunderstand them." The Commandant is, to say the least, a trifle naive. Communist propagandists care very little what actions are actually taken by anybody; the propagandists usually invent them and carry on from there. Much more to the point at this time is the task of rendering it impossible for the Communist POWs on Koje Island to remain complete masters of the camp, to impose their own will when and how they like, and to create intolerable situations such as those which started with, and have succeeded with, the kidnapping of General Dodd. What is called for now is some realistic and effective action; and this need not in any way violate either the letter, or the spirit of the Geneva Convention.

E. German Forces Clearing Frontier Sites

CONSTRUCTING TANK TRAPS

No-Man's-Land Ban To West Germans

Berlin, May 27. The Government of Lower Saxony, West Germany, tonight announced that East German units all along the frontier facing their province were clearing a 30-foot wide lane of trees and other obstacles.

The official statement said that what appeared to be tank traps were being built in a three-mile belt.

Firing lanes which would give sentries or command posts command of every inch of the frontier were also being constructed, the announcement said.

Meanwhile, the East German Information Ministry announced today that a no-man's land three miles and one furlong wide will be created inside the East German border with West Germany.

People who want to travel into this area must apply for a special permit from the People's Police.

The Ministry said that these measures were made necessary by West Germany's signing of the "peace" pact with the Western Allies yesterday.

At the same time, an East German Interior Ministry announcement said that from next Sunday all Germans wishing to travel in the territory of the East German Republic must obtain a special East German permit.

The regulation applies only to Germans. It makes no reference to nationals of the three Western Powers in Berlin. It gives the East German authorities the power — if they wish to exercise it — to bar East Germans to all West Germans and West Berlin travellers.

Until now, West Germans could visit Germany with their identification papers, an international passport issued by the Western Occupation Authorities and a permit from the East German city they wished to visit.

Thousands monthly poured across the borders on business or private trips.

There were no restrictions on West Berliners going to East Germany for week-end visits.

SPECIAL PASSES

The three-mile belt of no-man's-land will also stretch along East Germany's coast, the Information Ministry's announcement revealed, explaining that East German workers going to resorts on the coast or in the border area for holidays would have to get special passes.

The Ministry said that these measures were designed to make it harder for "war-mongering agents and spies" to carry out their work in East Germany.

Measures taken by East Germany today included:

1. All telephone links between East and West Berlin were cut.
2. Telephone and teleprinter communication between East and West Germany were cut to one channel each.
3. Allied military police posts were barred from the 100 kilometres (about 100 miles) highway linking West Berlin with West Germany.
4. Activity began along the entire East-West border to increase East German control of crossing points.
5. Harsh but legal measures were taken to impose a strict border line where previously there had been tacit agreements for laxity to allow the smooth working of industry and labour in the interests of East and West.

West Berlin Lord Mayor Professor Ernst Reuter told reporters: "Two rivals are now putting their loaded revolvers on the table. West Berlin is in the unpleasant position of standing between them."

WONT LOSE NERVES Professor Reuter said the latest Communist measures were "intimidation attempts and empty threats over which Berliners would not lose their nerves."

He appealed to West Germans not to be frightened either, for it was part of the Communist's game to destroy West German faith in the future of West Berlin, in its ability to make and deliver the goods.

As he spoke, City officials told reporters that road transport firms had already reacted to the reprisals. Out of 480 lorries which left the city yesterday before midnight, more than half were empty.

Drivers had orders to get back to West Germany "before the curtain comes right down," City officials said.

The West German frontier police reported greatly reinforced guards on the eastern side of the 60-mile East-West border.

In some spots, notably in the Coburg district, Soviet Army guards have taken over from People's Police. Near Duderstadt, in Lower Saxony, big People's Police reinforcements arrived, the West German frontier police station reported. —Reuter.

Burmese Troops Capture Nationalist General

Rangeon, May 27.

Burmese Government forces fighting Chinese Nationalists in the Kentung area, on the Burma-Thai (Siam) border, have captured Major-General Li Su-fai, second in command to General Li Mi, it was announced today.

Chinese Nationalist troops commanded by General Li Mi were earlier this month reported to have been raiding and looting towns and villages on Burma's eastern frontier. They are part of a force of up to 10,000 Chinese troops who withdrew into Burma from Yunnan in 1950.

After interrogation General Li Su-fai was ordered to be detained in a central Burma camp, it was reported.

Forty-four Chinese Nationalist troops were reported today to have been killed in a border clash with Burmese Government forces.

Burma Government forces, in a surprise sweep, captured the

JUST A LARK

Frankfurt, May 27. German border police said on Monday that United States Constabulary troops patrolling the frontier between Bavaria and East Germany fired a volley of shots that day "for the fun of it."

The incident, in which no casualties occurred, was seized on by Communist propagandists and magnified to a point where Radio Leipzig in the Soviet Zone reported last night that 60 persons were killed in shooting affrays.

The United States Army authorities in Heidelberg said an initial investigation revealed

that the shooting was a lark. (Contd. on back page, Col. 2)

Roses On Ice



With the temperature in the marquee soaring into the 90's, flowers and plants at the Chelsea Flower Show last week started to wilt away. Nurserymen turned on hoses and sprayed the stands with water in a vain attempt to save the plants, while one exhibitor, as the above picture illustrates, placed specimen blooms of cream and pink roses on ice to stop them from opening in the heat. —London Express photo.

Text Of Tripartite Declaration

Paris, May 27.

Text of the tripartite declaration issued in Paris today by the United States, Britain and France follows:

The Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America have signed conventions with the German Federal Republic which will establish a new relationship with that country.

These conventions, as well as the treaties for a European Defence Community and a European coal and steel community, provide a new basis for uniting Europe and for the realisation of Germany's partnership in the European community.

They are designed to prevent the resurgence of former tensions and conflicts among the free nations of Europe and any future revival of aggressive militarism.

They make possible the removal of the special restrictions hitherto imposed on the Federal Republic of Germany and permit its participation as an equal partner in Western defence.

These conventions and treaties respond to the desire to provide by united efforts for the prosperity and security of Western Europe. The governments of the United Kingdom and the United States consider that the establishments and development of these institutions of the European community correspond to their own basic interests and will therefore lend them every possible co-operation and support.

COMMON ENTERPRISE

Moreover, Western defence is a common enterprise in which the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States are already partners through membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

These bonds are now strengthened by the system of reciprocal guarantees agreed to between the member states of the European Defence Community, between these member states and the United Kingdom and also between these member states and member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

For these various reasons, including the fact that these new guarantees will apply to the states concerned only as members of one of the other of these organisations, the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States have an abiding interest, as has the government of France, in the effectiveness of the treaty creating the European Defence Community and in the strength and integrity of that Community.

Accordingly, if any action from whatever quarter threatens the integrity or unity of the Community, the governments will regard this as a threat to their own security.

They will act in accordance with Article Four of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Moreover, they have each expressed their resolve to station such forces on the continent of Europe, including the Federal Republic of Germany, as they deem necessary and appropriate to contribute to the joint defence of the North Atlantic Treaty area, have regard to their obligations under the North Atlantic

US TROOPS AMBUSHED BY REDS

Pusan, May 27.

Communist guerrillas raided and burned an American engineering unit's camp 10 miles north of Pusan on Friday, killing five United States soldiers and a Korean houseboy.

The raiders attacked with hand grenades. They wounded two other American soldiers and a Korean labourer.

They escaped to the hills with two Allied machine-guns, seven rifles and 700 rounds of ammunition.

The Army's disclosure of the raid came shortly after the Republic of Korea clamped martial law on the Pusan area in an effort to curb guerrilla activities and to check anticipated pre-election violence.

There is unofficial speculation that escaped prisoners of war might be among the guerrillas who, the Government announcement said, "show growing activities."

The Army said that the guerrillas swept down from the hills at midnight to loot a small unit camped in a gravel pit a few miles away from other Allied troops. —United Press.

Narrow Escape From Death

Seoul, May 27.

Arthur Hays Sulzburger, publisher of the New York Times on tour of Korea, had a narrow escape from death today when a Marine helicopter made a forced landing in a rice paddy North of Seoul.

Sulzburger was accompanied by his son Arthur Jr., a Marine Reserve Second Lieutenant on duty in Korea, and Harold Hinton of the Times' Washington Bureau.

No one was hurt in the landing. Sulzburger, wearing army combat fatigue clothing and boots, "hiked" with the others across the paddy to the Uijongbu road where a jeep met them and took them to the First Corps Headquarters. —Associated Press.

Non-Smoking Grocer's Fortune

London, May 27.

David Greig, Brixton grocer, who left £213,201 gross in his will published today, vowed at 22, when he opened his first small shop, that he would not smoke till he had made £10,000.

When he made it he extended the vow to another £10,000. When he died in January, his company controlled 200 shops — and still he had not smoked. —Reuter.

Ridgway Gets Down To His New Job

Paris, May 27.

General Matthew B. Ridgway arrived here today to take over from General Dwight Eisenhower as Atlantic Supreme Commander in Europe and went to work immediately with a surprise visit to SHAPE for a first briefing with his new staff.

Within a few hours of stepping from a trans-Atlantic plane he was meeting his senior officers in the office of General Alfred Gruenther, his Chief of Staff.

He does not officially take over his new command until Friday morning.

Earlier, he had addressed a 40-minute Press conference in a crowded morning which began with an impressive welcome at Orly Airport.

The first to greet General Ridgway as he stepped from the plane wearing a United States summer uniform and two rows of decorations, was General Eisenhower who is returning to America on Saturday to enter the presidential election campaign.

Others at the airport included Lord Ismay, NATO Secretary-General, and Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, General Ridgway's deputy in his new post.

A force of 400 Police ringed the airport as part of elaborate security arrangements against possible Communist demonstrations.

THE ONLY INCIDENT

Police and mobile guards also lined the 15-mile route from Orly, through the heart of Paris, to Versailles. But there was only one incident as the motorcycle-escorted procession drove through, despite weeks of intensive Communist demands for demonstrations: the Communist Mayor of a suburb on the outskirts of the city rushed into the road in front of the General's car shouting, "Ridgway, murderer!"

He and four supporters were arrested after a short scuffle with the Police.

At the Arc de Triomphe in the centre of Paris, General Ridgway placed a wreath of twelve lilies on the Tomb of the French Unknown Soldier.

About 10,000 people thronged the spacious Champs Elysees to watch the ceremony.

Before setting off on a heavy programme of engagements, General Ridgway told a Press conference that he had come confident in the utmost confidence in General Eisenhower's leadership.

He said that he would be "happy, indeed, to add in any way to what he has built up."

General Ridgway said that in Korea the troops of 16 nations of all races, colours and creeds had co-operated in every way and had shown "complete mutual confidence in battle."

What could be done in Korea in spite of all barriers could be done on a larger scale elsewhere. —Reuter.

Parcels For POWs

London, May 27.

The War Secretary, Mr Anthony Head, told the House of Commons today it was outside his province that private advertisements were appealing for parcels for prisoners of war in Chinese hands. The British Red Cross Society had a large stock of parcels in Japan, but could not get them to British prisoners, he added. —Reuter.



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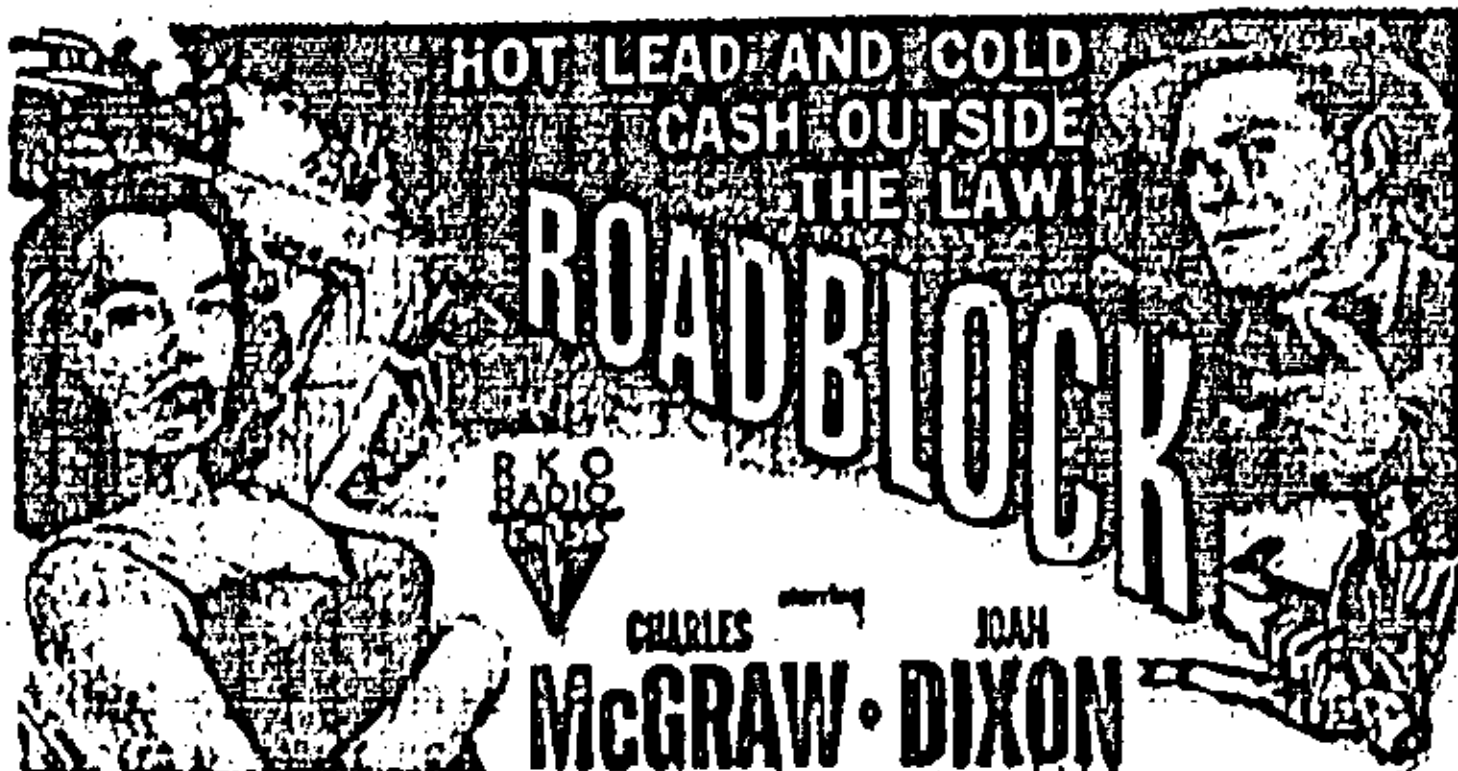
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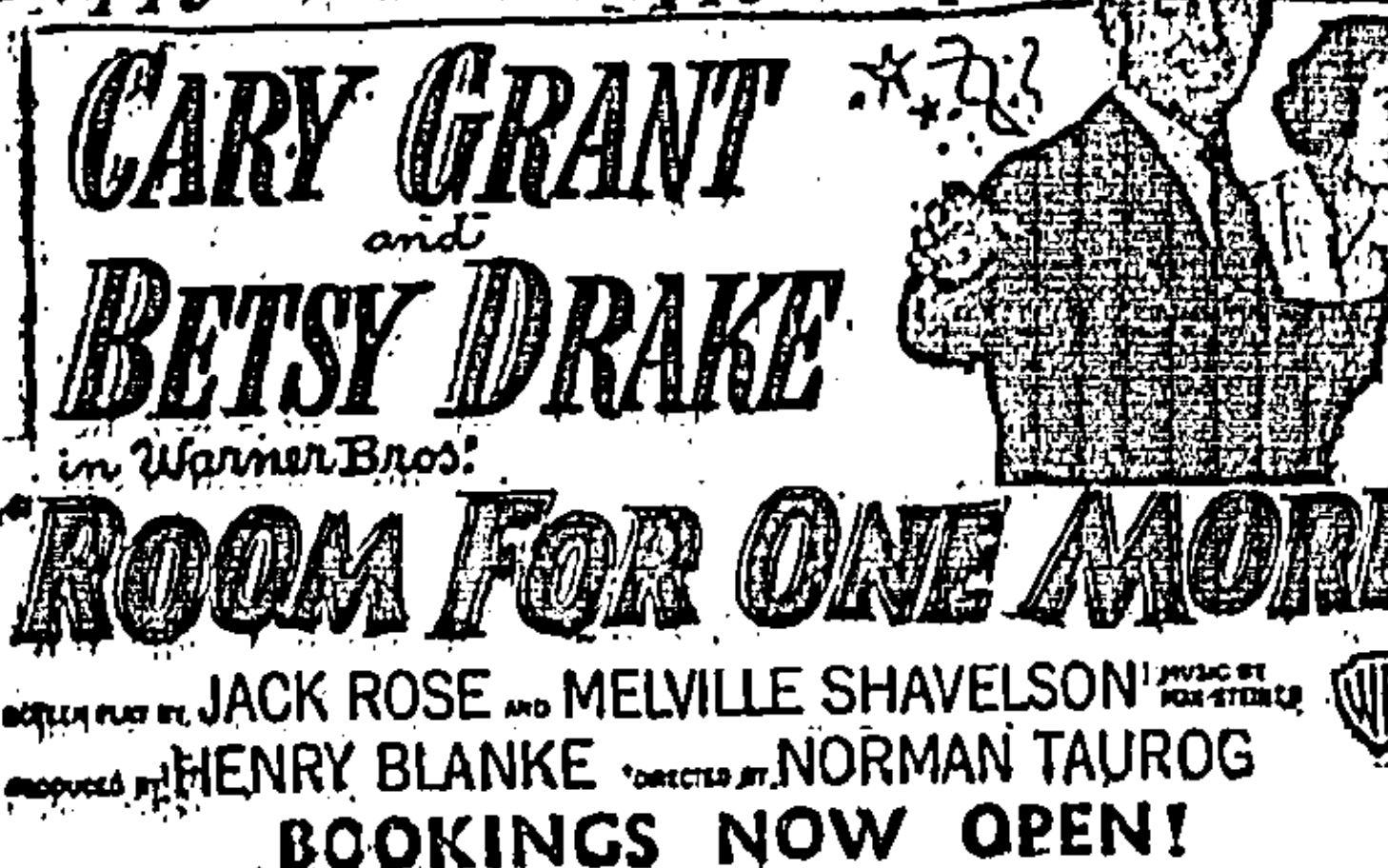
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Feeling Grows That Truce Talks Should Go To United Nations



Greta Garbo, on a visit to Paris, is still inseparable from her dark glasses and general air of mystery. She was recognized by a cameraman at the Charpentier Gallery during the sale of the famous Gabriel Cognac art collection. — Central Press Photo.

Move For Further Aid Cut Defeated

Washington, May 27.
The U.S. Senate today defeated a move to cut an additional \$1,000,000,000 from President Harry Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid bill. The roll call vote was 35 to 27.

Drug Charges In U.N.

New York, May 27.
The U.S. tonight accused the Soviet Union of trying to cover up illicit drug traffic by Communists.

Mr. Walter Kotschig told the United Nations Economic and Social Council that the Chinese Communists are growing poppies, producing opium, and smuggling it abroad to raise money for Communist war activities and to buy goods abroad. Russia's Georgi Sausin called the accusations "slandereous."

The U.S. opposes a Russian move in the Council to strike out statements about Communist Chinese drug trafficking from the organization's narcotics commission report to the Council. — Associated Press.

Appeal For Orchestra

Birmingham, May 27.
Some 55 local authorities in the Midlands are being asked to contribute a total of £11,000 a year to enable the City of Birmingham Orchestra, faced with having to close down in the summer, to continue on a permanent basis.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham announced today that he had called a conference to discuss the scheme.

It was estimated that, under the scheme, the orchestra would make a surplus of £2,250 in a year compared with the £8,250 loss of 1951-52.

At present the Birmingham Corporation contributes £11,000 and the Arts Council £1,000 a year to the orchestra. — Reuter.

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Two Senate Committees had previously slashed \$1,000,000,000 from the aid funds asked by the President.

The House did its own cutting, reducing aid funds to \$9,133,000,000.

The Senate vote was on an amendment, offered by Senator Herman Walker (Idaho Republican) and ten other Republicans.

It came shortly after another Idaho Republican, Senator Henry C. Dworshak, told the Senate that Mr. W. Averell Harriman, head of the Mutual Security Agency, was using the foreign aid programme to advance his own political interests.

Mr. Harriman is a candidate for Democratic Presidential nomination and has urged bi-partisan support for the full \$7,900,000,000 aid asked by Mr. Truman.

HARRIMAN ATTACKED
"How can we have bi-partisan support for this programme," Senator Dworshak asked, "when Mr. Averell Harriman spends all his time, and probably taxpayers' money, travelling over the United States trying to build himself up as a Presidential candidate?"

Just before the second day of the debate began, Senator Frank Carlson (Republican, Kansas), one of the leaders in the Eisenhower-for-President movement, issued a statement saying he would vote to cut \$500,000,000 from the \$9,000,000,000 voted by two Senate Committees.

United Press adds that Mr. Tom Connally, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, opposing the cut, said that it would be disastrous and would probably force a reconsideration of the whole defence position in Europe.

PROMISE OF A CLEAN-UP
Washington, May 27.
Mr. James P. McGranery, 59, former Federal Judge from Philadelphia, was sworn in today as Attorney-General, the nation's highest legal post.

He promised to clean up corruption in Government wherever he finds it. — Associated Press.

New York, May 27.
Sentiment for returning the deadlocked Korean truce talks to the United Nations for a solution of their thorny political problems appeared to be growing among delegates to the world organisation today.

Impetus has been given to the movement by General Matthew B. Ridgway who recently relinquished his post as Supreme Commander in Korea after a year in which efforts to reach agreement on peace terms proved fruitless.

Although General Ridgway dodged the issue as "entirely beyond my terms of reference" in his only public speech during his three-day visit here, he said earlier in Washington that peace could not be secured in Korea without far-reaching political decisions.

At a private luncheon attended by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie and delegates of the 22 countries with units in Korea, General Ridgway is understood to have elaborated on whether this meant that the Security Council should take over the stymied Panmunjom talks.

A feeling among leading delegates that is becoming more and more vocal is that the United Nations Korean Command has solved the military problems as well as possible under existing conditions and that the political problems should be worked out in the United Nations.

Those problems—including the prisoner of war issue—which have stalled the Panmunjom negotiations, could be referred to the Security Council, it is felt.

BRITISH LEAD?

But in case the Russian use of the veto should prevent progress in the Security Council, the General Assembly agreed last Autumn in Paris to convene a special session if a military truce were arranged in Korea or in the event of other developments there.

Already there have been rumblings about bringing the truce talks into the United Nations, and some reports said that Britain and Australia have been talking about such a possibility.

The first issue likely to be discussed here would be the return of prisoners to the United Nations would be the repatriation of prisoners of war.

General Ridgway said here yesterday: "The Communist demand that all prisoners of war be repatriated forcibly is necessary at the root of the whole problem."

The Communists insist on a strict fulfilment of the Geneva Convention on prisoners which stipulates that all prisoners must be returned to their homeland immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

The United Nations contend that its screening of prisoners has shown that up to 40 per cent of them do not want to go back into Communist-controlled North Korea and China and have thus far refused to agree to the Communists' insistence on forcible repatriation.

Mr. Aime Bohler, delegate from Communist Yugoslavia, which is at present aligned with the Western Powers, has offered a solution which might be brought before the United Nations—that political asylum be offered to prisoners who are reluctant to return to their Communist homelands.

"I do not think," Dr. Bohler said, "that hope for a reasonable compromise on the question of prisoners is impossible."

It seems as though the discussions (at Panmunjom) turn only around the interpretation of the Geneva Convention which, I must say, speaks only of the repatriation of prisoners.

"But there is another point outside that Convention—the generally admitted international principle of asylum. Everybody, including war prisoners, has naturally the right to ask for asylum, and every country has the right to grant

asylum. That is how we in Yugoslavia understood the repatriation of our war prisoners after World War II. We never asked for the forcible repatriation of war prisoners.

"I think that between these two points—strict interpretation of the Geneva Convention and the application of this other principle of asylum—there is space enough for a reasonable compromise," United Press.

Eisenhower's Triumph In New England

Hartford, Conn., May 27.
Supporters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower today won all 22 of the Connecticut State delegates to the July convention to pick the Republican Presidential candidate.

They defeated a last-minute effort to elect two supporters of Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio.

This made the six New England States practically a solid bloc backing Gen. Eisenhower for President.

In Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut, the General now has 94 delegate votes to eight for Senator Taft, with eight uncommitted.

The latest Associated Press tabulation gives the following national delegate standings:

Republican—Taft, 300; Eisenhower, 289; Harold Stassen, 20, with 604 needed to nominate.

Democrats—Senator Estes Kefauver, 117; W. Averell Harriman, 85.5; Russell, 66.5; with 610 needed to nominate. — Associated Press.

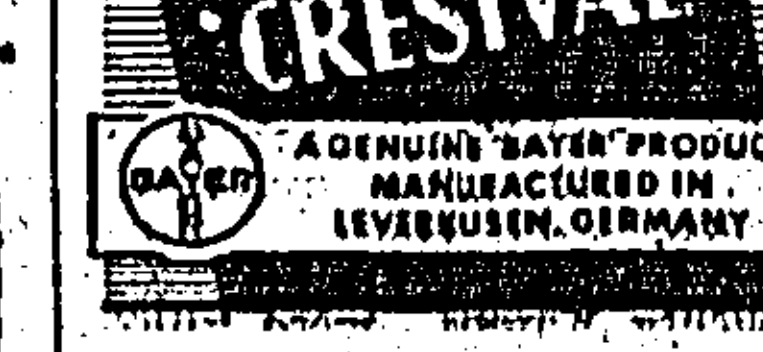
Mr. G.E. Marden Warns Rotary

Mexico City, May 27.
Mr. G. E. Marden, Rotary Director from Hongkong, warned Rotarians today against being drawn into action on international affairs which are in the province of governments.

In an address prepared for the third plenary session of the 43rd Convention of Rotary International here, Mr. Marden said that there was always the danger of confusing international service with international affairs.

He added, "Rotary will inevitably take cognizance of international matters. It should seek to ensure that its members are correctly informed upon them but it is the very negation of international service to be drawn into action on international affairs which are in the province of governments."

Mr. Marden spoke to 8,000 delegates representing 60 nations. — United Press.



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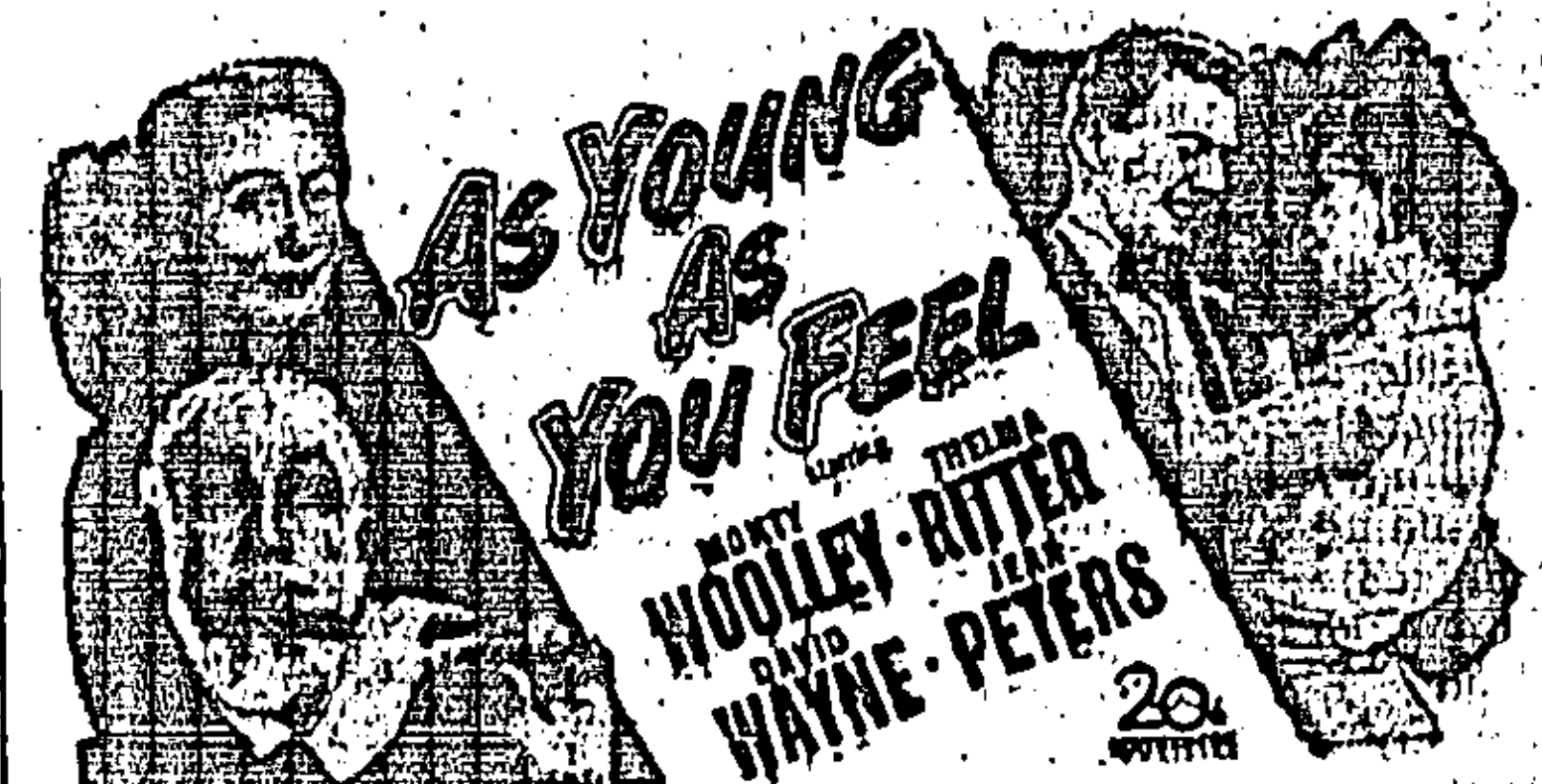
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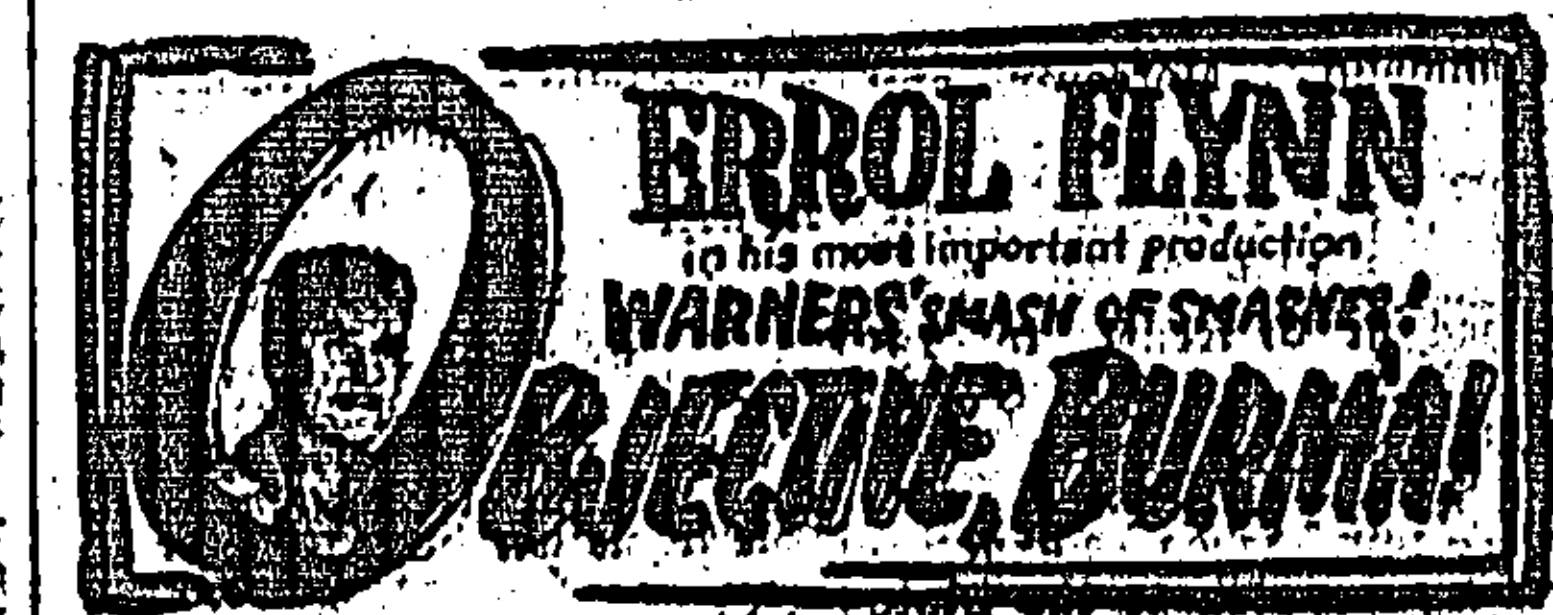


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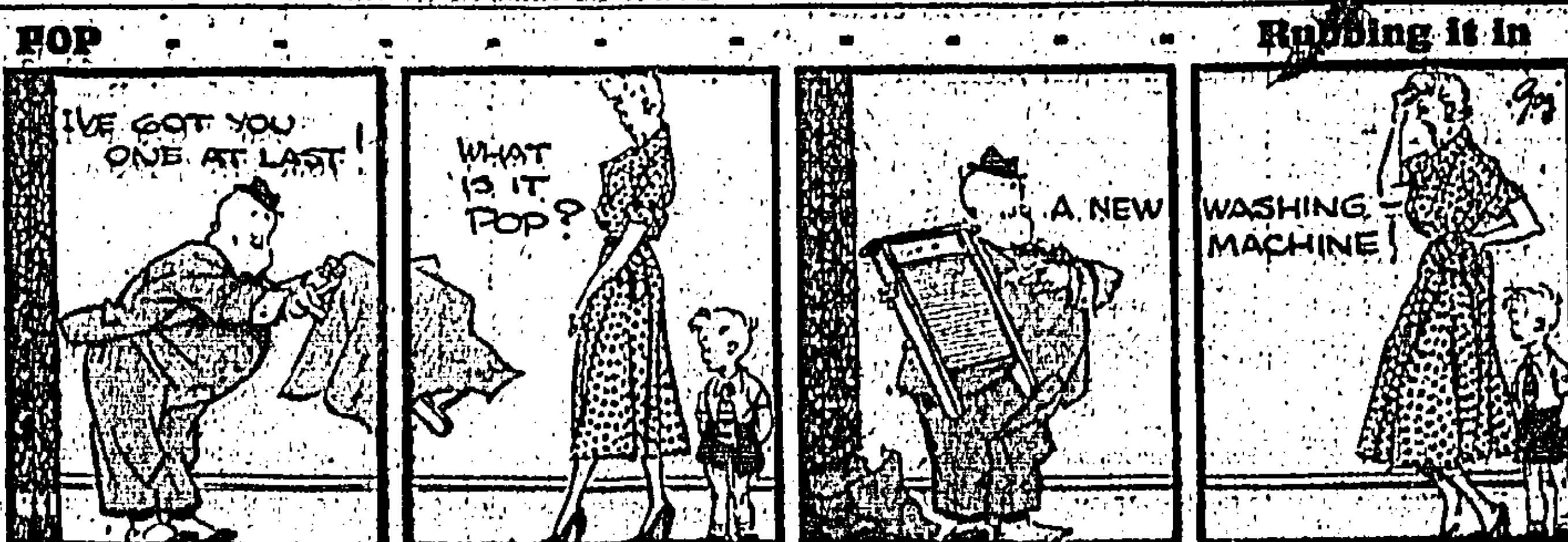
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Third Largest Force

Inquiry Into Conditions At Broadmoor

Reading, May 27. The committee inquiring into security arrangements at Broadmoor Institution concluded today with the only hearing in public. Their report is expected to be in the hands of the Minister of Health by the end of this week. Evidence given for the largest authority, the Berkshire County Council, urged that patients should wear distinctive clothing and that there should be greater security restrictions. Copies of resolutions from other local authorities handed in called for a public warning system of escapes and summoning of military aid.—Reuter.

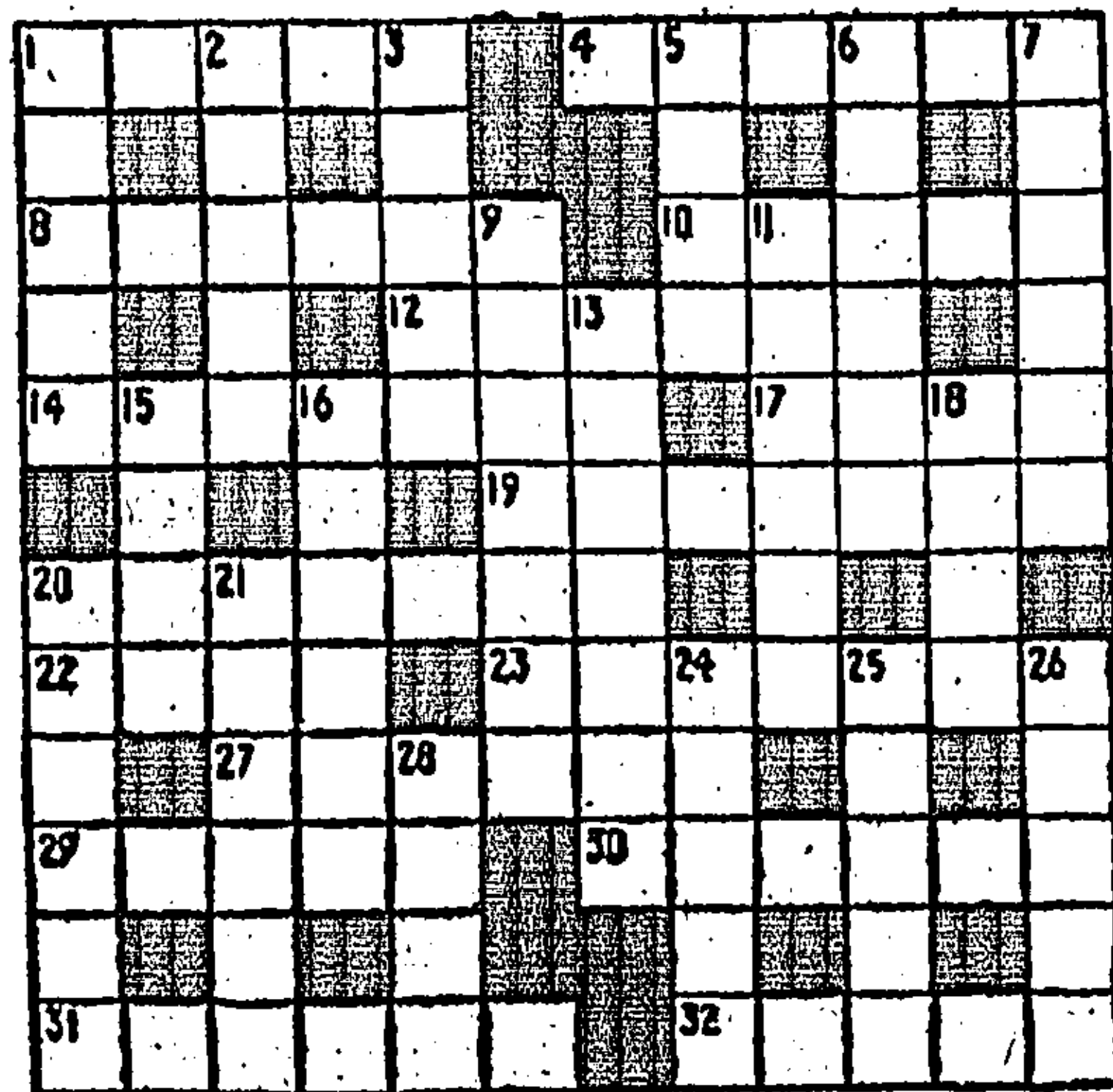
BUTLER ON JAP DEBT REPAYMENT

London, May 27. The question of Japan's sterling debt was raised in the House of Commons today when Mr. Harold Davies, Labour Member of Parliament, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Richard A. Butler, "What are the amounts of Japanese loans outstanding, and what discussions have taken place with the Japanese with a view to their paying off these loans?" Mr. Butler, in a written reply, stated: "Outstanding Japanese sterling loans, including those with options for payments in other currencies, are estimated at about £22,000,000. Arrears of interest amount to about £3,000,000. "I am glad to say that the Japanese Government have indicated their readiness to start negotiations with bondholders for a settlement of outstanding indebtedness." The fact that the Chancellor went out of his way to include mention of those loans having options for payment in gold or dollars, suggests that the Treasury is fully conscious of the big question that is now agitating the City.—United Press.

Sharett Thanks America

Philadelphia, May 27. Mr. Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, today praised the United States for its part in aiding his country to gain its independence and setting it on the road to democratic stability. Mr. Sharett spoke at a dinner in his honour sponsored by the local Allied-Jewish Appeal at which he was presented with a cheque for \$500,000 as an "advance" to the United Jewish Appeal to help carry on its resettlement work in Israel.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Theatrical entertainment (5).
4 Forms (5).
8 School book (5).
10 Tally (5).
12 Worry (5).
14 National emblem (7).
17 Nozzle (4).
18 Silt (7).
20 Tumbler (7).
22 Pass over (4).
23 Mariners (7).
27 Protect (5).
28 Got up (5).
30 Puzzle (5).
31 Vessel (5).
32 Lissom (5).

DOWN
1 Headquarters of regiment (5).
2 Plea in defence (5).
3 Skilful (5).
5 High temperature (4).
6 Bird (5).
7 Views (5).
9 Liberate (7).
11 Kindly (5).
13 Aid to navigation (7).
15 Wine (4).
16 Slants (5).
18 Prophet (4).
20 Assault (5).
21 County division (5).
22 Corral (5).
23 Attack (5).
26 Jollification (5).
28 Celebration (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Amlets, 8. Rain, 9. Resident, 11. Disputed, 13. Plot, 15. Static, 18. Learning, 19. Grow, 21. Assented, 25. Insolent, 28. Bill, 27. Dialogue. Down: 1. Bird, 2. Bias, 4. Free, 5. Laid, 6. Creel, 7. Sat, 9. Rural, 10. Sept, 12. Incur, 14. Ounce, 16. Tense, 17. Cruel, 19. Grind, 20. Oasis, 21. Aids, 22. Snug, 23. Trip, 24. Dull.

Competition For BOAC

London, May 27. The Government is to allow independent British airline companies to compete with State-owned lines in the development of new overseas scheduled routes. Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, told the House of Commons that independent private enterprise companies would be granted agreements for new routes for seven-year periods, with extension to ten years in special cases.—Reuter.

Barcelona Eucharistic Congress

Barcelona, May 27. One thousand Roman Catholic pilgrims from the United States arrived here this morning on the liners Constitution and Independence to take part in the 35th International Eucharistic Congress which will be opened formally at 6 p.m. G.M.T.

The American pilgrims were joined immediately by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York who arrived by plane last night. He will speak at the Eucharistic session at Barcelona's University.

More than 1,500 Americans—representing every Catholic diocese in the United States—are expected to be on hand for the opening ceremonies.

They will hear the thunder of 21 cannon as the representative of Pope Pius XII, Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, arrives in the largest city of Spain.

The thunder of the cannon will formally open the ceremonies. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from more than 30 countries have already streamed into this sunny port for the past week for the first Eucharistic Congress since 1938.

Additional thousands, delayed by transportation difficulties, are still en route.

The theme of this Congress, which will last for six days, will be "Peace and the Eucharist."

Hundreds of church dignitaries, including at least 18 Cardinals, scores of Archbishops and about 300 Bishops, will participate.

There will be approximately 15,000 priests among the clerical pilgrims.

Many of the world's prominent lay figures will be among the 200,000 Spaniards and 100,000 foreigners taking part in the Congress.

It has been estimated that more than 1,500,000 people will attend the various ceremonies.

The honouree guest in absentia at today's opening ceremony will be Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who has been imprisoned by the Hungarian Communist Government.—United Press.

Senanayake Assured Of Victory

Ceylon, May 27. On the basis of results at the half-way point in Ceylon's national elections, Premier Dudley Senanayake appeared today to be certain to be asked to form a new Government around his leading United National Party.

With only one seat still unreported from yesterday's polling Mr. Senanayake's Party held 31 seats—more than any other single party can seat it all the candidates in the remaining two days' polling should win.

Here was the line-up on the basis of all but two returns: United National Party 31; Tamil Congress Party (which supports the Government) two; Freedom Party five; Communist Party one; Federalist (anti-Government) one; Independents seven.

Some of these Independents will follow the 41-year-old bachelor Prime Minister, whose supporters claim that he may still control nearly 60 votes in Ceylon's 109-member Parliament.—Associated Press.

Reciprocal Tax Differences

London, May 27. Mr. John Arbuthnot (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons today what progress had been made in the discussions on reciprocal tax arrangements between Britain and India. Mr. Richard A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied, "There was some further discussion in London in February of this year. "The points of difference remain, but I am still hopeful that we shall in due course succeed in reaching a satisfactory settlement"—Reuter.

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DEFENCE ISSUES PREDOMINATE IN MENZIES VISIT

London, May 27. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, presided when Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, resumed his defence and foreign affairs talks with British Ministers at No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon.

Officials have made no effort to conceal the fact that defence dominates the whole of the planned discussions which Mr. Menzies is cramming in between official functions and receptions.

Events in South-East Asia are said to be vitally affecting Australian defence plans and it is questionable whether, in the event of another world war, Australian forces would be available in strength for overseas service.

Mr. Menzies, however, is said to be showing important interest in the projected Middle East Command where Australia has already allocated a fighter wing of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Before making any definite commitments, however, Mr. Menzies is understood to be seeking a more clearly defined United Nations strategic policy in South-East Asia and closer liaison with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr. Menzies is to attend an official reception given by the High Commissioner, Sir Thomas White, at Australia House this evening.

Later tonight he will have further talks with British Ministers in his own room.

Tomorrow he will be the guest at a luncheon party given by the legal fraternity at Gray's Inn and is expected in the evening to make his first public speech during his London visit. This will be at a dinner to be given by the Australian Club at the Savoy Hotel.

At noon today Mr. Menzies was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by representatives of the British motor industry at Claridge's.—United Press.

TO VISIT PARIS

Paris, May 27. The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, will visit Paris from June 11 to 13.

The Australian Embassy said that Mr. Menzies would call on President Auriol and would also confer with members of the French Cabinet on problems of interest to both countries.—France-Press.

RUMOURS OF OIL DEAL

Teheran, May 27. United States and Iranian authorities know nothing of a reported five-year deal between Persia and American oil firms for the purchase of 3,000,000 tons of aviation fuel.

The agreement was reported on Monday night by the semi-official newspaper Bakhtar Emrooz.

(American Embassy officials said they would probably have been informed if any agreement had been signed, but they did not deny the possibility of such a deal. A senior official of the National Persian Oil Company said he knew nothing about it).—Associated Press.

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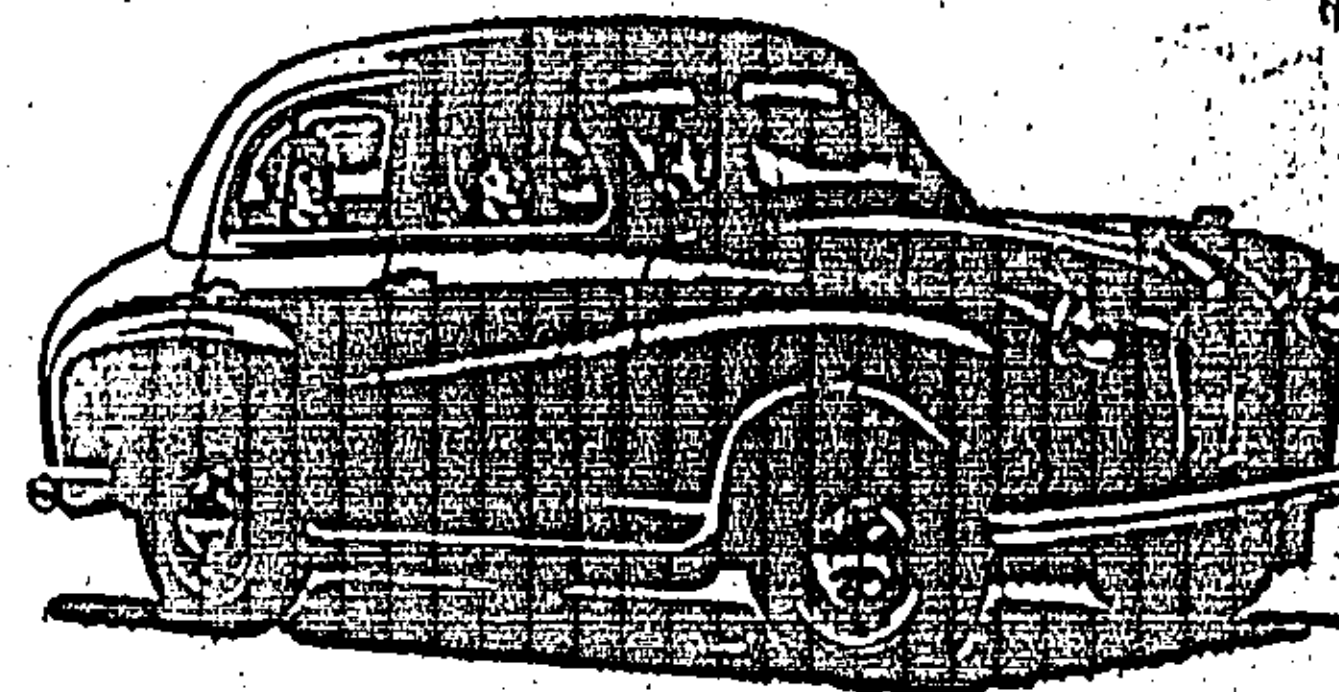


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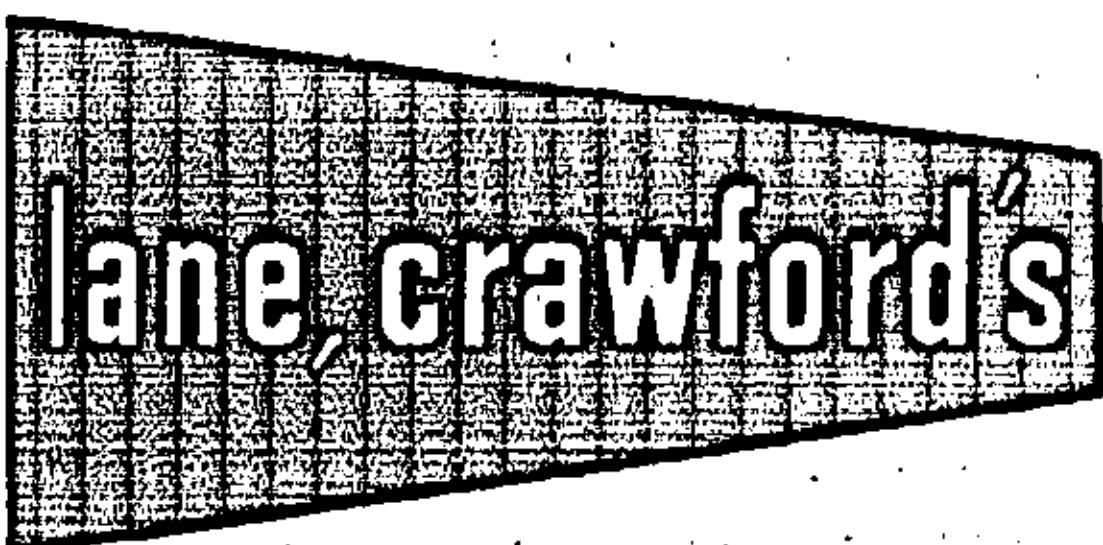
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THEY ESCAPED FROM PRISON CAMP TO CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

By HAZEL MAY

BOOKS about expeditions—preferably the kind with the maximum of risk and the minimum of preparation—have rocketed to best-seller level.

Perhaps it is because we seek to gain the thrills of another's hazard from the safety of our own armchair. Perhaps we have the urge to see the world's wide vistas but lack the will to quit our encompassed comforts.

At any rate, a London columnist has remarked that the members of the Shipton expedition were pursued almost to the 20,000-foot hut by publishers' representatives anxious to secure the rights of any book on their latest attempt. Remarkably prompted by the phenomenal popularity of "The Kon-Tiki Expedition," he suggested that publishers might give their unsuccessful authors something to write about if they floated them down the Amazon in tins.

Sole Purpose

NOW here is another expedition book about the most unconventional assault on Mount Kenya that has ever been made.

Truthfully entitled "No Picnic On Mount Kenya" it is written by a young Italian, Felice Benuzzi, now Italian Vice-Consul in Brisbane, who led an escape from a prisoner-of-war camp in Kenya during the last war—for the sole purpose of climbing the mountain. At the end of the expedition he and his two companions broke into the camp from which they had escaped a few days before, and gave themselves up to the Commandant.

The attempt on Mount Kenya was made despite every handicap. Benuzzi first suggested the prison break and the expedition to a professional mountaineer who was a fellow-prisoner. The expert told him that the idea was mad, that they would need six months' training on first-class food, and porters to carry equipment to a base camp.

But Benuzzi was not discouraged. He eventually found two companions for the climb, a doctor and a sailor; neither of them experienced mountaineers. They patiently collected a few rations for the trip and laboriously manufactured

equipment from the limited materials they could find in the camp. Over a period of months they made makeshift climbing ropes (from the knotted bed-ropes in the dormitories) ice-axes, rucksacks and various substitutes for the usual mountaineer's equipment.

Few Facts

FOR a map they had only the label from an Oxo tin, with a crude sketch of the mountain. And all they knew about the mountain were the few bare facts they had culled from magazine articles and a book on African tribal history. Never had an expedition set off with so little chance of success.

Early in the trip the trio realised they were "up against it." And, looking back, the writer pauses to wonder at their temerity:

"We had had no climbing practice for eight years, had been prisoners of war for the past two, and had little to eat and little sleep since our escape. Since then we had been crushed beneath the weight of our rucksacks and, finally, we had to start our actual attempt on the summit from a base camp which was low and too far away from the peak. Yet we attempted, under winter conditions, a climb which Shipton and Tilman, accomplished mountaineers, had considered hopeless even in summer. Shipton and Tilman were presumably in hard condition; well fed and well served with porters—in a word, free men. We were not and did not know—that is our only excuse."

Food Ran Out

NOR did the actual climb encompass the perils of the trip. To get to the mountain the prisoners had to make a night journey through the forests which surrounded the foot of the mountain—forests alive with big game. Their adventures with wild animals all contributed to their suspense.

To add to their difficulties, one of the men developed malaria immediately after the break-out. He kept on heroically, but was left behind for the actual attempt on one of the two peaks.

Blizzards, swirling mists and mountain sickness added further complications. The food ran out on the way back, and a few remaining crumbs and a curlew of two assumed on overwhelming importance.

The power of the book is in the force of Benuzzi's writing. Although there is sometimes a quaintness in the phrasing which betrays his Italian way of thought, he writes with a simplicity and a vigour that take you with him every yard

of the way. He possesses a gift for description which a writer must have if he is to convey the beauty to be found on mountains. There are many passages which are outstanding. He gives a brilliant picture of the beauty of the tropical forest which clothes Kenya's lower slopes:

"There were trees of great height, some with slender, others with thick, smooth, some with like masts and some with their trunks almost levelled, smothered under cloaks of creepers of every description which in places ran from tree to tree forming dark green walls. Here were the ruins of a Gothic cathedral submerged by waves of green; there ropes, pipes and wires composed some huge machine."

Jungle Life

HE goes on to describe the flowers: "Some shining like flames against the dark background; others hanging pendulous like grapes towards the water; the yellow swords of gladioli; bell-flowers seeming to wait for the fairy of the tale who would ring them; pale pink or ochre-striped orchids and 'thistles' with monstrous purple heads."

The wanderers were entranced, too, by the jungle's vivid life:

"There were countless birds, from graceful sun-birds with slender bodies and bright colours to harshly creaking lorises showing in flight their blood-red wing feathers. Troops of monkeys jumped from branch to branch. Butterflies of every size and colour dalled gracefully along the banks."

This impression remains with them, and is their last memory as they left the mountain:

"As though from a stormy sea the Flying Dutchman bade us farewell. She looked even finer than when we had first seen her. The ghostly mists of whitish mists against the dark background of stormy sky suited her to perfection. Billowing clouds hung round her like newly lifting cannon smoke after a fight in buccanering days, while the lazily drifting clouds above her castles looked like trailing and battle-torn sails under the tattered Jolly Roger."

This is a book to read again, a book, not only for mountaineers, but for everyone who can understand the spirit that sends men, without hope of material reward, on hazardous adventure.

They are so confident of the test's reliability in spotting the future criminal before it is too late that they are urging its adoption as a routine "screening test" for all children when they start school.

The potential thugs, thieves, and swindlers might then be kept out of the juvenile courts.

DEFIANCE

★ THIS is how the test works: After carefully studying the child, psychologists give him black marks for defiance, assertiveness, destructiveness, suspiciousness, and emotional instability.

Sitting on the Fence.... by

Nathaniel Gubbins

IN a successful appeal for a divorce decree against a husband who was a voluntary patient at a mental hospital, Lord Justice Singleton said the husband preferred living in the institution, where he was looking after cattle, to living with his wife.

TO A COW

Oh Daisy Bell, my Daisy Bell,
dear Daisy Bell serene,
So still you are, so quiet you
are in peaceful meadow
green.
How sweet you smell, dear
Daisy Bell, how daintily
you graze;
How beautiful, my Daisy Bell,
your calm, untroubled gaze.

How tranquilly, my Daisy Bell,
you face the passing years;
No rouge upon your glossy
cheeks, no scent behind
your ears.
From balms to soothe the scars
of time you stand austere,
aloof,
No cigarette between your lips,
no cocktail in your hoof.
No footle hat upon your head,
my darling Daisy Bell,
No silly shoes to cripple feet
that walk the dewy dell;
No wounding word upon your
tongue, no evil in your head,
No scandal whispered in the
dark... for cows are too
well-bred.

Oh Daisy Bell, dear Daisy Bell,
when vulgar men complain
That tiresome girls resemble
you they take your name
in vain.
If they but knew how sweet you
are they'd call their true-
loves now
Not darling 'this and darling
that but darling, darling
cow.

Operation Banger

IT began with a casual remark in a local club about a pork butcher's shop in a Kentish town that sold sausages almost up to pre-war standards.

Your Uncle Nat asked the name and address of the butcher and noted it down. He told a friend in secret, who told another friend in secret, who probably told several friends in secret.

It soon became clear that if this sort of thing went on hundreds of middle-aged schoolboys would be in their cars at dawn the next day on the trail of the lost and now forbidden delicacy of their youth. It would be a case of first come first served.

In a panic, the original three decided not to mention the word sausage at all when discussing their plans. They remembered the schoolboy name for sausage and called it "Operation Banger."

But to many ex-schoolboys knew what banger meant that the deception became laughable.

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The Three Musketeers suspected that their car would be watched and followed, ending in an unglorious snuff at the door of the secret objective.



POCKET CARTOON
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"Every time one looks at a paper these days one's sense of insecurity increases."

So they practised a further deception. They talked in audible undertones of Operation Banger, but told each other in loud voices, intended to be overheard, that bangers could be caught only on Wednesday mornings.

Then they rose early on Tuesday morning and climbed into a car. They said goodbye to their wives like men who may never return from a desperate adventure.

As they drove through the countryside glowing with May blossom, they remembered the bangers of their boyhood, greasy, plump thighs sizzling and bursting over fires.

They discussed the political significance of bangers in a sausage-starved country, the desperate devotion to bangers of all males, but vegetarians, from eight to 80.

They talked of bangers and mashed, bangers and onions, and wondered if Operation Banger would produce real porky bangers or post-war bland bangers like salted sawdust.

Although their Uncle Nat reminded them that, in this free country, those who made, bought or ate real porky bangers might spend ten years in Dartmoor, probably in chains, they pressed on regardless and the objective was reached. The shop was almost cleared of bangers and the Three Musketeers returned to a hero's welcome.

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The next morning this musketeer rose early, found a frying pan, put two bangers in it, lit the gas and waited for them to sizzle. They didn't. They cracked like burning faggots. They were the breadiest bangers of all time.

The Three Musketeers have not mentioned bangers since, but in the eyes of three wives there is that look of amused pity that women are unable to conceal when they are thinking "All men are boys at heart and not very clever boys at that."

Apricot dog

WHILE the world wonders anxiously if it is safe to rearm the Germans, and sensible people try not to think about the atom bomb, somebody has been quietly preparing a new horror for us.

He is a dog-breeder who is attempting to revive the popularity of the pug dog, probably the most revolting doggie ever seen outside a nightmare.

Many years ago even dog worshippers turned against this horrible little animal not only because of its hideous appearance, but because of its disgusting habits. So it went out of fashion and I hoped the last of the breed had died of rabies.

According to a gossip column, "Pug dogs were spoiled and became gross feeders. They also developed asthma and a snore that kept the household awake."

But this dog-breeder (may it snow during his summer holidays) has changed all that by whitening the pug's nostrils and keeping it on a streamlining diet.

Therefore, it won't be long now before the country's stiff with them.

What's more, he can breed them in four colours, fawn, black, silver, and apricot.

But good may come out of evil if we do not lose our heads.

As Stalin is reported to have a weak heart, perhaps the whole international situation would be changed if somebody finished him off with the gift of an apricot puggy-wuggy doggie.

With asthma for preference.

—(London Express Service)

GANGSTERDOM GOES ON POINTS

CHAPMAN PINCHER'S Column tells how to pick tomorrow's thugs from today's innocent children

WITH this five-point chart psychologists claim they can predict an innocent child's chances of becoming a gangster or a good citizen. They believe their forecasts will be right in at least eight cases out of every ten.

They are so confident of the test's reliability in spotting the future criminal before it is too late that they are urging its adoption as a routine "screening test" for all children when they start school.

The potential thugs, thieves, and swindlers might then be kept out of the juvenile courts.

Note that a poorly developed feeling of family unity is rated as a far more important cause of crime than lack of discipline or affection.

The psychologists find that over-strict discipline is more dangerous than none at all.

DISCIPLINE OF BOY BY FATHER	Score
Overstrict, demanding obedience through fear, or erratic, varying between strictness and laxity	72
Lax, letting the boy do what he likes	60
Firm but kindly, basing discipline on sound reasons which the boy accepts as fair	9
SUPERVISION OF BOY BY MOTHER	
Unsuitable, leaving the boy to his own devices or in the care of an irresponsible person	83
Fair, giving only partial supervision to the boy	57
Suitable, keeping close watch and providing for his leisure hours	10
AFFECTION OF FATHER FOR BOY	
Indifferent or hostile	76
Warmly affectionate, even being over-protective	34
AFFECTION OF MOTHER FOR BOY	
Indifferent or hostile	86
Warmly affectionate, even being over-protective	43
COHESION OF FAMILY	
Unintegrated—home is just a place to "hang your hat"	97
Some degree of cohesion—family behaves as a co-operative group to some extent	61
Cohesive—with a pride in the home, a strong "all for one and one for all" feeling	21

This system of preventing crime has been worked out by Professor and Mrs Sheldon Glueck, a U.S. husband-and-wife psychologist team, after ten years of research sponsored by the Harvard Law School.

British psychologists are anxious to try out the system on an experimental scale.

The urgent need for some method of detecting future criminals at the earliest possible age is shown by the fact that in England alone more than 28,000 children, under 14, are found guilty of indictable offences every year.

Here's how to try out the chart on any child you know. Five marks are awarded for each feature of family life are ALWAYS those shown in the right-hand column. There are no variations for different degrees. To get a total strike-out lines that do not apply, and add up marks left.

—(London Express Service)

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEFollow This Rule For
No-Trump Play

NORTH		EAST	
♠K52		♠Q3	
♥K10		♥J872	
♦K10		♦A3	
♣KJ73		♣Q1096	

WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠J1084		♠A97	
♥Q104		♥A93	
♦Q52		♦J874	
♣54		♣52	

South-West		North-East	
Pass	14	Pass	14
Pass	14	Pass	14
Pass	14	Pass	14

Opening lead—♠J

WHICH suit should you try to develop when you are playing a hand on no-trump? The longest suit? The strongest suit?

There is no easy answer to the question, but the guiding principles are illustrated in today's hand.

West opened the jack of spades, and South counted up his tricks. He could take three spades and two hearts. Four tricks had to be developed in clubs and diamonds. The two suits were equally long—five cards apiece. South, however, was stronger in clubs, and decided to go after four club tricks.

Declarer won the first spade in his own hand to lead a club. The three of the club jack led to East, and East was unkind enough to return a heart.

Now South discovered that there were only three club tricks. He needed a diamond for his ninth trick, but East had time to knock out the other top heart and take two clubs, two diamonds, and two hearts.

South went down two tricks because he started on the wrong suit. The clubs were strong, but the diamonds were solid. South could afford to give away two diamond tricks, and still make the other three tricks in the suit.

Those three tricks plus the two top clubs would give him nine tricks for his contract. Correct play is to win the opening lead with dummy's king of spades and to return the king of diamonds at once. East will take the ace of diamonds and return a heart to dummy's king. Now the diamond is led from dummy to knock out East's queen, and South is ready to win ten tricks without a struggle.

CARD JEM

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North: 1 N.T. Double
South: 1 N.T. Double

You, South, hold: Spades K-3-2, Hearts J-3-4, Diamonds K-4-3-2, Clubs Q-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

A—He-double. If the opening bid and the double are both sound, your hand contains the ace of the big cards in the deck. West's hand must contain about one jack or one queen, but no more.

You can probably defeat any contract, but may not be able to make a game. You have the redouble, which notifies your partner that you are willing to double the opponents and warns him not to let them off the hook.

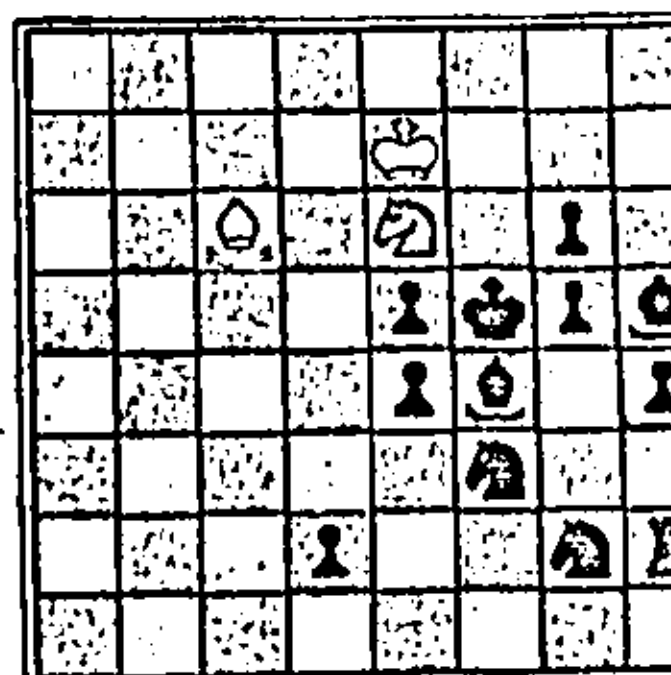
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the auction just answered. Your south hold: Spades K-3-2, Hearts J-3-4, Diamonds K-4-3-2, Clubs Q-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. BOSWELL
(BCF Tourney 65)
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 3 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-KK5, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

A TRIP TO
MUFFTOWN

By T. O. HARR

SIR PUGHAM AROUNDNE, of the Ministry of Transport, gave notice today to planning the trip to Mufftown, arranged for visiting delegates to the International Congress of Baby Sitters. The trip was to be by train, and the announced time was 10.15 a.m. from each of the 10 coaches, and there were 21 delegates in each coach.

He was somewhat put out when Sir Pugham said that the trip was to be by train, and the announced time was 10.15 a.m. from each of the 10 coaches, and there were 21 delegates in each coach.

Many many trains went to Mufftown?

(Solution on Page 10)



"I think you've played him enough, dear—perhaps you'd better reel him in now!"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

"It was believed," says a simple sentence, "that the elephant had been led." It was probably being led to some "fancy" place, was peering nothing bigger than a saucup or a silver tray. I knew a man who tried to smuggle an elephant out of the country. The scene in the Customs shed at Dover was remarkable. The beast got away and was reported making for London. An enormous tree was batted with rice pudding on the Victoria Embankment, and a man spent the night in the bushes, calling softly, "Tiny! Tiny!" He said he was the elephant's owner, and that he would recognise it by a small wart on the right leg. I don't know why I tell you this.

The scientific approach TALKING of marriage, I see that someone is claiming that a young couple should be able to judge the chances of a happy or unhappy marriage by studying each other's handwriting. Those who are too busy to write letters should submit a line or two of their own.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

BORN today, you have one of those quick, alert minds which see things instantly. You are good at any executive job calling for snap decisions. You can always be depended upon at a time of crisis. You are always busy to make a decision, and you will attempt anything. If it hasn't been tried before, learn to curb your impulses a little more. Fortunately, you have good judgment, as a rule, so that you do not make a mistake. You have the happy faculty of being able to correct them before anyone else can.

Your emotions are deep and you are either "for" someone or "against" him just as vehemently. There is no halfway.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

GENIUS (May 22-June 21)—Don't permit yourself to get into a state of tension because of needless worry. Just relax.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An experiment should work out satisfactorily and bring long-awaited success to a venture.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are depressed, don't resort to self pity. Listen to some good music, read a light book.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Today may be difficult for others, but you can do it to help if you will stay calm and sweet-tempered.

LITHA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This is a good day for you to organize some neighbourhood recreational activity. Take the lead.

SCORPIO (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be host or hostess to those who are in need of services or join a community project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be careful not to speak out of turn today at the office or there can be trouble brewing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You are receptive to some new idea, you may be able to develop it with profit.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be sure of your facts before you make any important decisions. Don't be hasty in your judgments.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make plans for a festive dinner party some time soon. Invite a few congenial friends.

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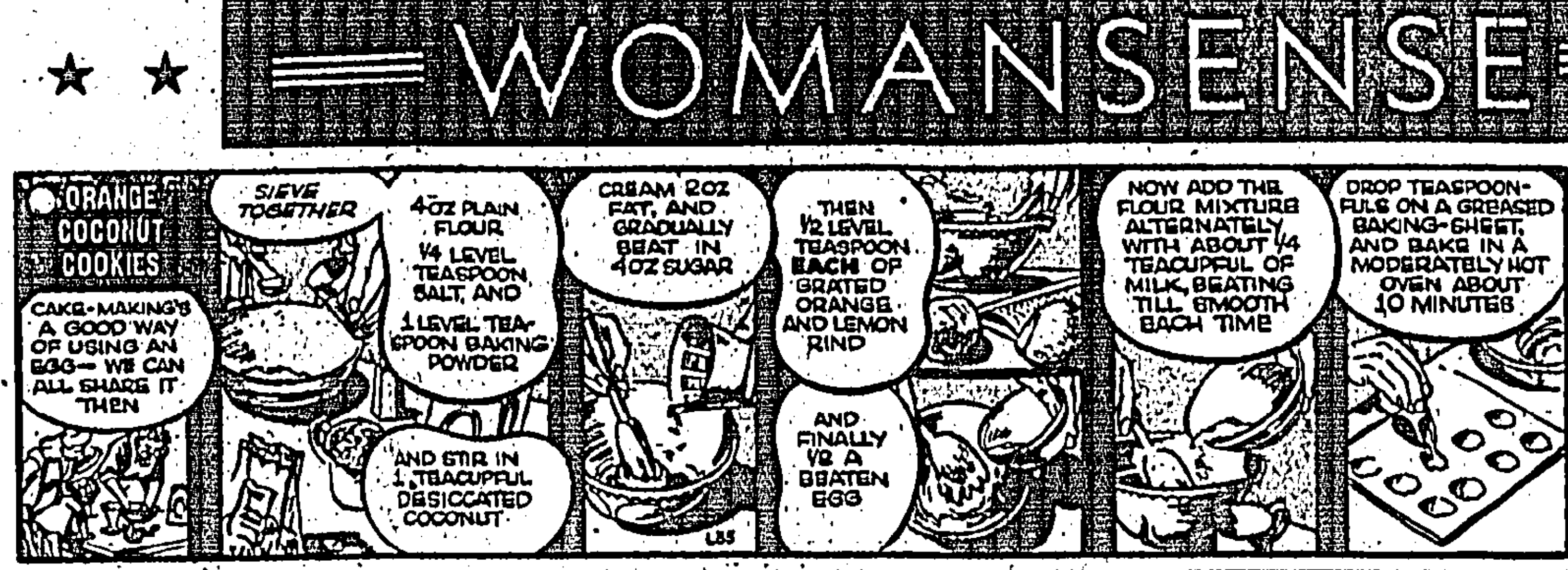
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Pretty Print

COLOUR AND TEXTURE STRESSED
IN MODERN HOME DECORATING

By ELEANOR ROSS

NIFTY new novelties and ideas are waiting for your inspection at various store furniture floors, and those who are out to do a little changing around or buying, will find lots to interest them.

One good idea, ideal for a one room apartment or for a very long or big room, is a room-divider piece made up of desk, chest and shelf space. Clever, too, is a brand-new idea—a buffet on wheels, for all the world like a tea wagon.

In a clever group of settings, eye appeal is obtained through wall treatments that are effective yet inexpensive, stressing colour, texture and pattern. In a colonial bedroom, the white-washed paint is literally textured in a combed effect by the use of plaster paint. We overheard one viewer say that this would be a swell way to treat

old cracked walls. We think so, too!

Then in a modern bedroom, the fibre floor covering is used to cover two walls, making for a simple, inexpensive but striking way of doing walls. All it needs is a hammer and tacks.

Colour plays a stirring role in a series of dining-living rooms. In one setting, walls are done in a brick shade—a warm burnt orange tone that makes a charming background for sectional, wood-trimmed chairs done in a tweed that combines the wall tone with black. A dining table pulls out of a wall unit, and is decked with a chartreuse cloth, with napkins and textured dinnerware that pick up the brick tone.

In another setting, the floor covering and the walls are a deep soft gray-green that has

a sort of avocado tone. With it are tones in greige, pumpkin and touches of white.

Accessories Harmonize

In all the settings, the accessories have been chosen to tone with colour scheme, from ashtrays through lamps to pictures, and because of the colours used, the effect is never "set" or seemingly decorator-inspired, but warm and happily livable.

Another store is featuring groups in light maple and natural walnut that should have great appeal for newlyweds furnishing their first apartment. The chests and cases have removable legs for which platforms may be substituted so that pieces that begin in a one or two-room set-up will be just as right when they come into their own in a larger place.

This store, like many others, offers much use of black and white, and shows that this enduring colour scheme really works for home decoration as well as for clothes. For instance, one store shows a charming little dining room with warm maple pieces, and has one wall covered in a smart glazed cotton in a black and white French toile print, above a dado. Other walls are a deep charcoal gray, and the rug is a rich bronze gold, a low-cost covered in gold cotton velvet to match the floor covering.

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By JOHN HARRISON

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday 31st May and Monday 2nd June, 1952
(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.
On the 2nd Day the First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The 15min interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.
There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through Tickets (22 Races—\$44.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, scheduled to be run on the "Hong Kong Derby".

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 30th May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. and 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Offices are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

No re-admission tickets will be issued. BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Bookies adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

County Cricket

MIDDLESEX RETAIN THEIR LEAD THOUGH BEATEN BY LEICESTERSHIRE

London, May 27.

Middlesex retained their lead in the County Cricket Championship though beaten today by Leicestershire who gained their first win and points of the season.

Wins by their nearest challengers, Surrey and Yorkshire, however, cut Middlesex's lead of 20 points to eight.

Surrey, who won yesterday, lie second with 40 points and Yorkshire, victors today over Derbyshire, are third with 36 points.

Surrey and Yorkshire are in a strong challenging position, both having two games in hand of Middlesex's six.

Leicestershire and Northamptonshire occupy fourth place, each with 28 points.

Lancashire won today but Northants were beaten yesterday.

Lancashire have played only three games to Northamptonshire's four.

Wins by Hampshire and Worcestershire took them to equal sixth with 24 points each.

Derby slipped three places from fifth to joint eighth with Kent. Each have 20 points.

Glamorgan and Gloucestershire share 10th place with 16 points each.

SUSSEX ARE BOTTOM

At the other end of the table Sussex are bottom with four points from four games with Nottinghamshire and Somerset four points above them.

Harold Halliday, who is not a recognised bowler, delivered his off-spinners with such fine judgment and accuracy that he claimed six Derbyshire wickets for 70 runs today.

His figures were easily his best since he came into the Yorkshire side.

Set to make 321 runs to win against Worcestershire, Warwickshire lost their first five batsmen for 33 runs today against hostile fast bowling by Perks and the 20-year-old left-hander Wilson.

The fast bowlers made the ball rear up off the pitch and when they had been rested Roy Jenkins, with leg spinners, was soon among the wickets. Fighting the ball cleverly, he took four wickets for match figures of 10 wickets for 92 runs.

Lancashire's victory over Nottinghamshire was delayed until after lunch. Apart from Poole, unbeaten with 51 runs after batting two and a half hours, Nottingham's resistance was weak.

A century in each innings by Maurice Tompkins played a big part in Leicestershire's win over the leaders, Middlesex.

He totalled 263 runs for only once out.

Tompkins batted two hours and 25 minutes and hit 10 boundaries in his century today.

Leicestershire's magnificent victory was their first over Middlesex for 20 years.—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

London, May 27.

The following are the results of County cricket matches:

At Hoveham—Hampshire beat Sussex by eight wickets, Sussex 178 and 214 (Shackleton right-arm fast medium, five for 41).

At Worcester—Gloucestershire beat Middlesex by seven wickets, Middlesex 407 for five declared and 215 (W. Edrich 69, Jackson, right-arm off-break, four for 30). Leicestershire beat Lancashire by six wickets, Lancashire 300 and 93 for two (Walker not out 54).

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ON THE WINNING TEAM



HRH The Duke of Edinburgh with Lord Cowdroy after their team had beaten Fernhurst in the final of the polo games played at Cowdroy Park, Sussex. — Central Press Photo.

Wednesday Set For More Big Transfers

By DAVID JACK

Sheffield Wednesday, who made Soccer history by paying £35,000 for Jackie Sewell, are likely to make a similar splash in the transfer market before the 1952-53 season opens.

Wednesday will sign nothing but the best in an attempt to tighten up their defence—and the best, in their opinion, is Leeds United's pivot, John Charles.

I am also assured, by people who should know, that the former Chelsea manager will be quite happy to keep out of Soccer for some time—and almost certainly permanently. Only 55,000 spectators—15,000 fewer than usual—watched the Rugby League Championship final at Leeds Road, Huddersfield, because, with Bradford Northern at the top of the table, custom demanded a Yorkshire final.

Charles' brother Melwyn, incidentally, is also due for a move. He scored 40 goals as Llanelli's centre-forward last season, and several League clubs have been watching his progress.

STILL PENDING

Checking on the report that Billy Birrell was being offered the Middlesbrough manager's job, I can tell you to take a large pinch of salt with the story. With Boro' chairman Harry French in Italy and other directors on tour in Ireland, the appointment will not be discussed for some time.

French Tennis Tournament

Paris, May 27.

Ken McGregor (Australia) beat Felicissimo Ampon (Philippines) 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 in the quarter-final of the French Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

McGregor's easy win came as a surprise since Ampon has been playing so strongly that he ousted Tony Trabert (United States), who was seeded fifth in the Championship, in three straight sets in the fourth round.

Another notable Australian win today was the victory of Frank Sedgman over Budge Patty (United States). The score was 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

The results of the Women's Singles quarter-finals were as follows:

Miss Doris Hart (United States) beat Mrs Julia Wipplinger (South Africa) 6-0, 6-4.

Miss Dorothy Head (United States) beat Mrs Joy Mottram (Britain) 6-3, 4-0, 7-5.

Mrs Hazel Reddick-Smith (South Africa) beat Mrs Maria Weiss (Argentina) 6-3, 6-1.

Miss Shirley Fry (United States) beat Miss Jean Curry (Britain) 4-0, 6-0, 6-4.

In the quarter-finals of the Mixed Doubles, Ampon and Miss Arvilla McGuire (United States) beat Roger Dudge and Miss Anne-Marie Seghers (France) 6-1, 6-4.—Reuter.

BACK SEAT

Britain's junior lawn tennis champion, Bobby Wilson, who takes a matriculation examination next month, intends to make up for lost tournament time after his exams.

Forced to take a back seat while rivals Roger Becker and Billy Knight hit the headlines, Wilson is still the best prospect on British courts.

The Wilson family plan a holiday in Scarborough in August which will take in the North of England Championships and Bobby will also partner Knight in the men's doubles at senior Wimbledon.

Having seen many outfield cricketers allow batsmen to take

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following are Club selections for League Lawn Bowls matches today and over the week-end:

Recreio

1st Division v Craigengower, CC (Home) today at 5.30 p.m.—F. V. Ribeiro, C. C. Pereira, C. Raza, J. A. Xavier, J. M. Silva, G. A. Guterres, J. A. Luz, C. E. Lopes, E. M. Alarcon, A. Lopes.
2nd Division v Philippine Club (Away) today at 5.30 p.m.—F. V. Ribeiro, C. C. Pereira, C. Raza, J. A. Xavier, J. M. Silva, G. A. Guterres, J. A. Luz, C. E. Lopes, E. M. Alarcon, A. Lopes.

HKFC

1st Division v Kowloon Dock Club (Home) on Saturday, May 31, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Strang, N. Craig, Dr. G. Thompson, F. Goodwin, W. E. Lodge, J. A. Xavier, J. M. Silva, G. A. Guterres, J. A. Luz, C. E. Lopes, E. M. Alarcon, A. Lopes.
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THE GAMBOLS



AMERICA HAS A VERY ROCKY ROAD AHEAD OF HER IN DAVIS CUP TENNIS

New York, May 27.

America has a very rocky road ahead of her in Davis Cup tennis in 1952, but recovery of the Cup from Australia is by no means impossible. Here is a sort of balance sheet for American tennis:

Thomas Cup

U.S. LEADS INDIA 3-1

Singapore, May 27. The United States took a 3-1 lead over India in the four badminton matches played today to decide who will challenge Malaysia, holders of the Thomas Cup.

Results of the first day's matches follow:
Davidson Mohan (India) beat Dick Mitchell 12-15, 17-10, 15-11.
T.N. Seth (India) lost to Marten Mendez 11-15, 1-15.

Mohan and Henry Ferreira (India) lost to Wynn Rogers and Joe Alston 12-15, 8-15.

Seth and Manoj Juha (India) lost to Carl Loveday and Bob Williams 11-15, 9-15.
The remaining five games—three singles and two doubles—will be played tomorrow.—Reuter.

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Bowls

1st Division. — Club de Recreio v. Craighower Cricket Club at Is. c. 5.30 p.m.
2nd Division. — Club de Recreio v. Filipino Club at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings

Half Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, 5.45 p.m.
Hongkong Hockey Club Meeting at HKCC 8.30 p.m.

HARD GOING LIKELY IN THE DERBY

Epsom, May 27.

A new check on the tightest ever security precautions for Wednesday's Derby was made at Epsom stables today, where runners spent the night.

There will be 34 starters, equalling the record field from which Caractacus won in 1862.

Final Callover On The Derby

London, May 27.

Twenty-two of the 34 probabilities for tomorrow's Epsom Derby were called at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

There was a shortening of odds all round and Marcel Bousac's Argus is now a clear second favourite at eight to one. He was 10 to one last night.

Silnet, the favourite, eased half a point to 15 to 2 but his stablemate, the 2,000 Guinea Winner, Thunderhead, shortened one point to nine to one.

The best-backed runner was Canadian-owned Indian Hemp and was supported to win £23,000. He closed up at 25 to one, this being a cut of eight points from last night's offer.

Next to Indian Hemp, most support was for American-owned Worden II who closed at 100 to eight after being supported to win £16,000.

Although business was not as heavy as at yesterday's callover, the 22 horses were backed to win a total of over £100,000.

FINAL QUOTATIONS

Prices quoted at the final callover are as follows:
15 to 2 Silnet.
8 to 1 Argus.

9 to 1 Thunderhead II.

100 to 1 Worden II, Gay Time and Toreros.

22 to 1 Pestman's Path and Marsyard.

25 to 1 Indian Hemp.

28 to 1 Monarch More.

33 to 1 La Varenne and Ararat.

40 to 1 Chiavey Down and H.V.C.

50 to 1 Khor Mousal, Summer Rain and Kora Top.

66 to 1 Speechmaker and Gold Buccanor.

100 to 1 Upwards Others.—Reuter.

34 PROBABLES

London, May 27. There are 34 probable runners for the Derby to be run over one mile four furlongs at Epsom tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. BST.

Claret has been scratched and Green Signal is not likely to run. Otherwise the probabilities and their jockeys are identical with the list already published.—Reuter.

Debit—The USA has no non-playing captain. Frank Shields quit after one year and no one else seems to want the job. It was offered to Don McNeill but his business won't permit acceptance.

Ted Schroeder is a possibility but it generally is agreed that the players would not care for him, since there was some resentment of his selection as a 1951 player.

Nor does the US have a "take-charge" singles player such as Don Budge or Jack Kramer or Australia's Frank Sedgman. Vic Seixas is ranked first and Dick Savitt second. Neither has been impressive in early tournaments so far.

Thirty-eight year old Gardmar Mulloy beat Seixas recently, and Savitt was beaten by Gustavo Palafox of Mexico, who holds no world ranking. America must develop a doubles team, too. Shields used several combinations last year, and many experts thought it would have been better to choose one and stick with it.

Credit—The USA has until next December to improve its hopes. Five nations are in the North American Zone. In the upper bracket Cuba has a first-round bye while America plays Japan. In the lower bracket Mexico and Canada bye the first round and meet in the second round.

Any of the USA's top players—Seixas, Savitt, Herb Flam, Talbert, Art Larsen, Budge Patty, Ham Richardson, Mulloy—would be favoured over any of the other four nations, so the USA can afford to experiment.

And Australia is not unbeatable. Sedgman is the world's best amateur, but even he can have bad days. Seixas beat him once in Australia last November, and Ken McGregor beat Sedgman in the 1952 Australian National.

In 1951, Sedgman won his two Cup singles matches and the Aussies won the doubles. America beat McVyn Rose in the other two singles. In 1952 it is reasonable to expect Australia to use Sedgman and McGregor in both singles and doubles.

Savitt has done well against McGregor. In doubles, America faces a real task—the Sedgman-McGregor team won all the major world titles in 1951.

Also on the credit side, America apparently does not face a serious threat from Europe in the inter-zone finals. Sweden's team collapsed into a 5-0 defeat in 1951 and no other European zone team seems to have much strength.

Alick Mac, Jr., chairman of the USA Davis Cup committee and may have to take over as non-playing manager.—United Press.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Ladies' Recreation Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club 7-2 in the Men's "B" Division tennis league yesterday. In the Ladies' "B" Division, LRC "2" drew with LRC "1".

S. Ball and K. Greene (LRC) beat Kerman and J. de Silva 6-2; beat J. Lerou and A. V. White 6-2; lost to N. Leonard and J. Fenton 6-3.

P. V. Shave and M. M. M. beat Keyman and Silva 7-5; beat Lerou and White 6-4; beat Leonard and Fenton 6-1.

E. E. Storey and Stacey beat Kerman and Silva 6-1; lost to Lerou and White 7-5; beat Leonard and Fenton 6-1.

Mrs. Driessen and Miss Gibb (LRC "2") beat Mrs. Storey and Miss Skinner 6-3; beat Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Watson 6-1; beat Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Prophet 6-0.

Mrs. MacFee and Miss Housh lost to Mrs. Storey and Miss Skinner 3-6; drew with Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Watson 3-3; beat Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Prophet 6-0.

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KCC Beat CCC

Kowloon CC beat Craighower in the Ladies' "B" Division, 5-0. Mrs. J. Baker and Miss D. Chang beat Mrs. M. Coxall and Mrs. V. Hill 4-0; lost to Mrs. W. Flynn and Miss L. 1-6; lost to Miss P. Flynn and Miss L. 1-6.

Miss S. Correa and Miss H. Current lost to Miss L. Coxall and Mrs. V. Hill 2-6; lost to Mrs. W. Flynn and Miss L. 1-6.

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DAVID LEWIN'S

Spotlight

Mrs. Deeds comes to (London) Town...

MRS DEEDS has come to town with razor-cropped hair, flat-heeled walking shoes, and that caressing voice that can still lasso—well, my emotions.

Jean Arthur was in London on the "first real holiday of her life—alone." She plans to stay four months "just enjoying myself and relaxing."

Although she wears dark glasses, there is nothing else of the standard Hollywood formula about Miss Arthur, film wife of the Mr Deeds who went to Town back in 1936.

Lunch she insisted on having in a pub; then a dash to buy gloves "to cover my hands, rough from gardening," a quick look round the City (not the West End, mind) and then a pause to make a list of the plays she wants to see.

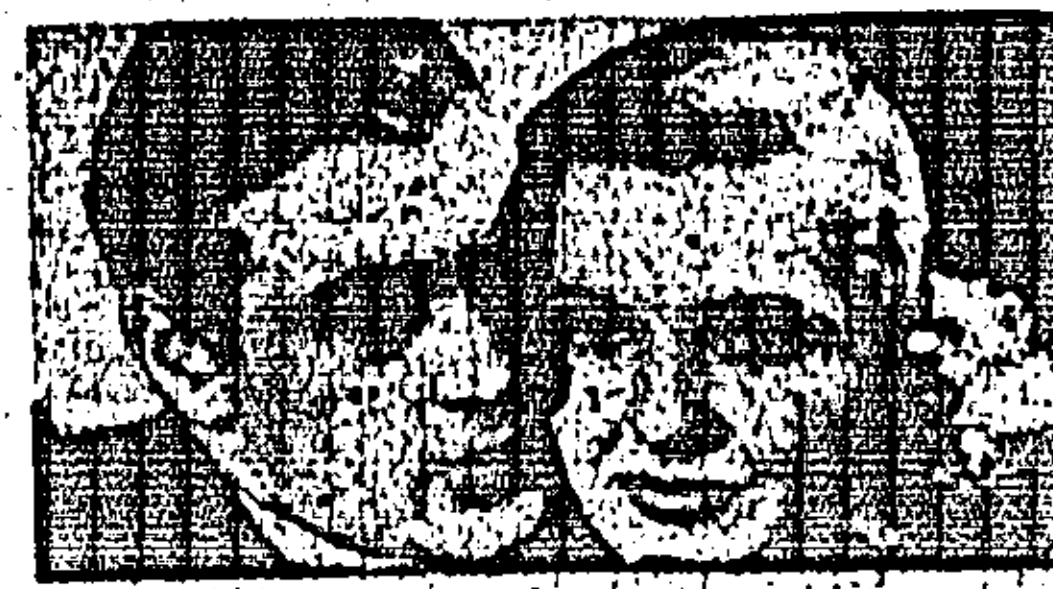
That is fine. But oh, the hair! Please Miss Arthur, must you keep a crew-cut even though it "does save time in the morning and anyway, I needed it to play 'Peter Pan'." Leave that to Mary Martin and "South Pacific." Your hair style was so much more appealing in "A Foreign Affair."

Although producers find her a determined actress who will rather walk out than take a part she dislikes, that characteristic makes her one of Hollywood's most intelligent and attractive artists.

She said: "When I was under contract I spent most of the time without pay, on suspension, for refusing films."

"You don't make much money that way, but the chances are the films will be good." (They are, too. Consider the list—"You Can't Take It With You," "The Flamingo," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.")

Added Miss Arthur: "Not



Going Back A Bit... Jean Arthur with Gary Cooper in "Mr. Deeds Comes to Town" (1936)

That means nice long location trips for Clark Gable, Gene Kelly, Errol Flynn, Lex (Tarzan) Barker, and Arlene Dahl. They will all be working in France, Britain, Italy, and Africa in the next few months. Some of them will be doing two films while they are away from Hollywood.

It they are fortunate enough to be away 18 months and stay less than six months at a time in Britain—they will pay no income tax in either country.

At £30,000 or so a film, that is worth having.

CLAP HANDS

★ THE CERTAIN WAY to success with a song today is to get people to clap their hands to a one-two beat. "Roving Kind" and "Truly, Truly Fair," started the fashion, and now everyone is getting in the act. Britain's top favourite entry "True Love and False Lovers" was written by singer Johnny Johnston, who leads the radio team "The Keynotes."

America follows with a new number, "Blacksmith Blues," in which the handclapping is supposed to be smacks on an anvil.

Johnston offers this explanation of the vogue: "Part of the craze for any variant on the 1920's Dixieland style. People like joining in—and anyway hand-clapping is so much easier than singing..."

INCIDENTALLY—★ SHOW-BUSINESS talk of the week: The Duke of Edinburgh's wish to have a cinema built for the Queen and himself at Buckingham Palace.

A possible site—the disused chapel... "Blue Lamp" script-writer "Tibby" Clarke's description of the star he wants for his new film, "The Titled Thunderbolt": "A gay, happy-looking railway train."

Twenty-stone Burt Ives, American ballad singer, wearing a kilt off-stage because "for a man of my proportions it offers extreme comfort..."

Maurice Evans (Sullivan in the "Gilbert and Sullivan" film) having his dinner jacket flown from New York for the British Film Academy award ceremony...

Diana Dors, established as a revue success, drives to the theatre every night in a Rolls. Hec own, too...

—(London Express Service)

A Well Kept Secret:

Why Gordon Richards Has Never Ridden A Derby Winner

An explanation why Gordon Richards has never ridden a Derby winner—a closely guarded secret for over 20 years—is disclosed this week by famous amateur rider Frank Atherton Brown in his new book "Sport From Within" (Published by Hutchinson, 16s.).

Brown reveals that many years ago another great jockey, Steve Donoghue said, with assurance "Gordon Richards will never ride a Derby winner. When he was asked why, he gave the simple answer: 'because he can't ride downhill.'"

Though this prophecy has so far proved correct, the answer Donoghue gave was not strictly correct for as Frank Atherton Brown points out, Gordon Richards has repeatedly proved he can ride downhill under ordinary circumstances. But, in the writer's opinion, he is perhaps not so good downhill on a horse which is beginning to tire and needs holding together.

BALANCE ON THE TURN

What Donoghue really meant was that the "Gordon Richards" style of horsemanship finds it difficult to cope with the downhill part of the Derby because the horses have already done eight furlongs or so at a cracking speed before they get to Tattenham Corner.

Consequently, they require a great more holding together and balancing round the turn and down the hill than they would on the five furlong course, where they come down the straight hill, full of running, with no curves to unbalance them.

The Derby course is a law unto itself, and that is why so many good jockeys have been known to ride such bad races in this classic. But says Frank Atherton Brown, there is no doubt that, because Gordon Richards is in an unassailable position as the champion of champion jockeys, "it can do him no harm to quote this prophecy with a fervent hope that it may soon become a false one."

OBSTACLES ONLY?

In a complete survey of all aspects of racing the author deals with the question of your jockeys, racing under National Hunt rules.

Many of them, he says, have to gain experience on horses that "are not safe conveyances" and on others that have no chance of winning.

In the circumstances, the jockey has to concentrate only on the obstacles, which means that race riding is not even thought of when riding unbalanced horses.

The result is, of course, that young jockeys allow their attentions to be centred on the next jump ahead instead of

concentrating on the more important job of riding a well judged race as well as riding a finish.

The author's suggestion for getting round this difficulty is to include one race each day during the flat season to be ridden under National Hunt rules and continued to amateur riders and professionals who have never ridden a winner under Jockey Club rules and have never ridden more than five winners under N. H. rules.

NEED NOT STAY

He says this race would be of no interest to the betting public but that, if it were made the last race of the day, the people not interested in it need not stay to watch.

It would certainly be the best way for a young jumping jockey to learn the art of race riding. Moreover, there might be fewer complaints about bad riding during winter months if jockeys were given a better chance to learn their profession thoroughly and not quite so painfully.

—(London Express Service)



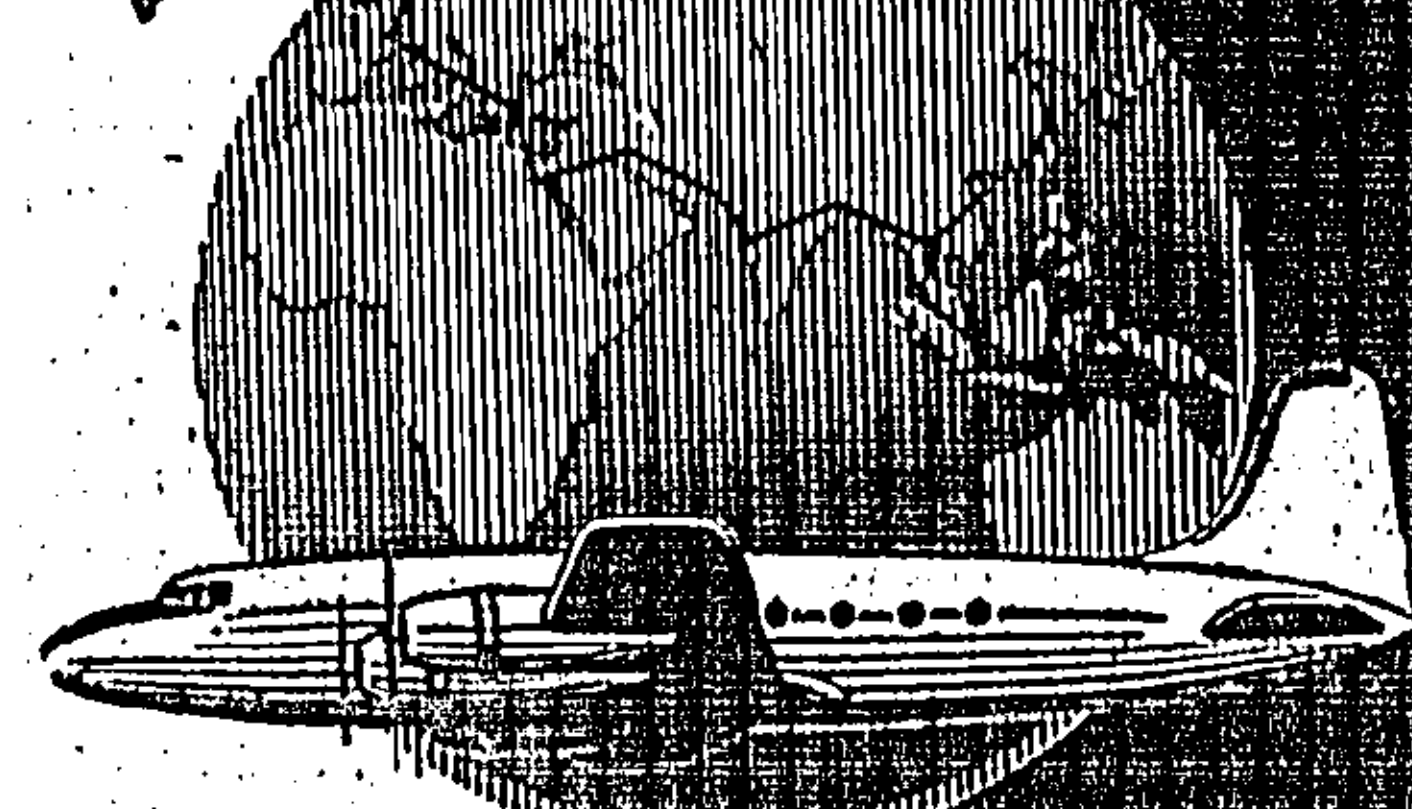
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"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	In Port
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	31st May
"TAIPING"	Kobe	13th June

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said		
"CALCHAS"	Liverpool & Dublin	29th May
"PYRRIUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th June
"BELLEROPHON"	Dublin & Liverpool	26th June
"CYCLOPS"	Jeddah, London & Rotterdam	27th June
"FELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th July

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
G. "BELLEROPHON"	Sailed
S. "CYCLOPS"	10th June
G. "FELEUS"	17th June
S. "ANTILLOCHUS"	23rd June
G. "ANTILLOCHUS"	1st July
S. "ANTILLOCHUS"	11th July
G. "ANTILLOCHUS"	18th July
G. "ANTILLOCHUS"	24th July
G. "ANTILLOCHUS"	31st July

G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool.
S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool.
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"AGAMEMNON"	3rd June
ARRIVING via MANILA FROM	
U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS	
"DONA ALICIA"	14th June
"MANGALORE"	30th June

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HK/Bangkok/Singapore (DC-4)	7:30 a.m. Thurs.	6:45 a.m. Fri.
(Continents at Bangkok with U.B.A. to Rangoon)		
HK/Hanoi/Halong (DC-3)	11:00 a.m. Tues.	3:30 p.m. Wed.
HK/Saigon/Singapore (DC-4)	10:45 a.m. Tues.	6:45 p.m. Wed.
HK/Manila/B.N. Borneo (DC-3)	7:00 a.m. Fri.	4:45 p.m. Sat.

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FROM	DUE
"BENMACDHUI"	28th May
"BENVORLICH"	5th June
"BENWYVIS"	13th June
"BENLOMOND"	5th July
"BENALBANACH"	23rd July
"BENAVON"	30th July

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Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, and Antwerp.	Boat
"BENMACDHUI"	29th May
"BENVORLICH"	9th June
"BENWYVIS"	16th June
"BENLOMOND"	9th July
"BENALBANACH"	25th July

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DEATHS

GRACE—Mrs. Capitoline Maria Hynd—
Terence's Hospital on May 27, 1952.
Funeral will pass the monument
at 3:30 p.m. today.

FOR SALE

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE
1932 Annual Return Forms are on
sale at "S. C. M. FORT."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "ATREUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 29th
May, 1952, and consignee repre-
sentative are requested to be present
during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Australia-Oriental Line Ltd.
China Navigation Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 27, 1952.

NOTICE

THE SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB

Club Night

Members are advised that
Bookings are closed for 7th
June, 1952.

Reservations for another
Club Night on Saturday, 21st
June, 1952 may now be sent
to the undersigned. Bookings
for this will be closed im-
mediately the requisite num-
bers have been received.

A. LYLE,

Co-Ordinator.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1952.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING OF
VOTING MEMBERS will be
held at the Club House,
Happy Valley, on Wednesday,
28th May 1952, at 5.45 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are
cordially invited to attend
and participated in any
discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. Miss,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "TAIPING"

arrived 27th May, 1952

Damaged cargo on this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &
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Wharf Godown at 10:00 a.m. on
Thursday 29th May and Friday, 30th
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Plans For Middle East Defence Being Finalised

London, May 27.

Western plans for setting up a peacetime land, sea and air command in the Middle East, put into cold storage pending the outcome of Britain's negotiations with Egypt, will soon take a more positive form.

The intention of the British, French, United States and Turkish Governments to establish a command structure for the area was announced last year. It was followed by declarations from the Australian, New Zealand and South African Governments to associate themselves with the command.

The statement of intention was accompanied by an invitation to the Egyptian Government to become a founder member of the organization. The World Government, since rejected by King Farouk, rejected the proposal on the grounds that it would be a threat to foreign powers and would thwart the Egyptian people's national aspirations for ridding their soil of foreign troops. But, in the hope that further Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for revising the 1936 Treaty providing for the maintenance of the British military base in the Suez Canal Zone would be more fruitful, the Allied plans were held over.

Allied military thinking has always regarded the Canal Zone as the natural pivot for defensive action in the Middle East, and every British proposal to Egypt on the evacuation of the Suez garrison has assumed that the base would be available to the Western Allies in the event of a third world-war.

CYPRUS CHOSEN?

Now that prospects of early Egyptian co-operation appear remote, the Allied nations believe that preparations must be made to establish the Headquarters elsewhere. Official sources maintain strict secrecy on this point, but all indications point to Britain's island colony of Cyprus as the probable site. But a decision on the location of the Allied Headquarters

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

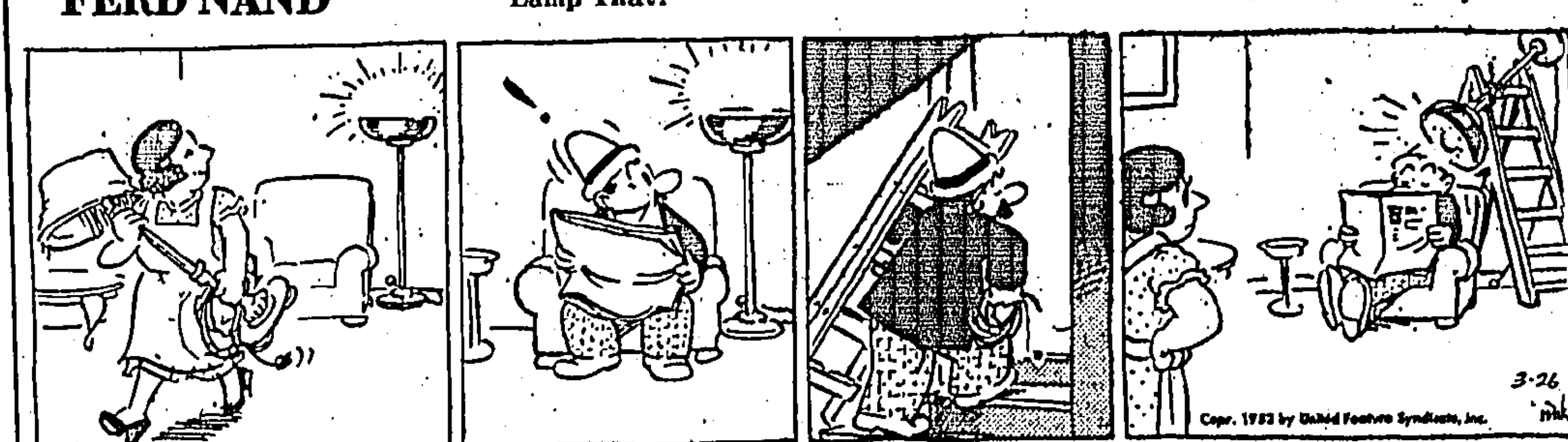
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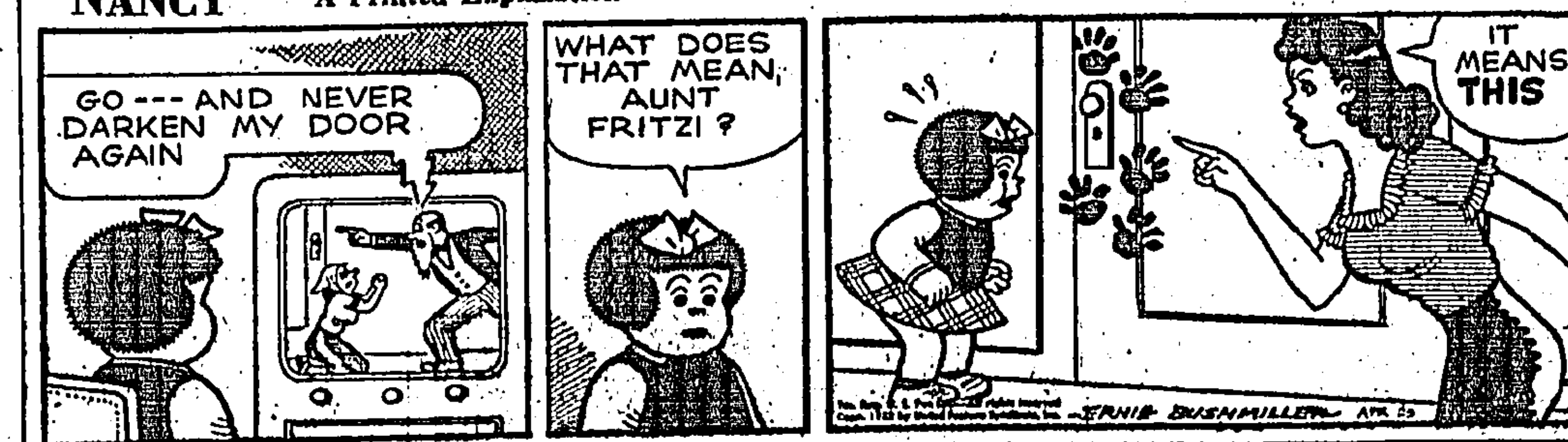
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By Ernie Bushmiller



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By Frank Robbins



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PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"CORFU"	1st May	2nd June
"CANTON"	20th May	30th June
"CARTHAGE"	20th June	28th July

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	6th June	8th June
"CANTON"	4th July	4th August
"CARTHAGE"	1st August	1st September

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"SOMALI"	29th May	29th May
Homewards	Falling	For
"SINGAPORE"	29th May	Strait, Colombo, Aden, Genoa, Marseilles, London

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"WARLA"	due 31st May	from Japan
"SIRDHANA"	due 3rd June	from Singapore & Calcutta
	sails 5th June	from Japan

"SANTHA" due 8th June from Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang & Singapore

sails 9th June from Japan

(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OLINDA"	In Port	from Persian Gulf
"UMARIA"	sails 28th May	from Japan
	sails 10th June	from Singapore & Persian Gulf

"ORDIA" sails 11th June from Japan

sails 6th June from Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"DIR HAKEM" June 20	June 25	Japan
"LA MARSEILLAISE" June 30	July 1	Kobe & Yokohama
Homeward For		
"LAKE MICHIGAN" June 8	June 11	N. Africa & Europe
"MONKAY" June 30	July 1	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE" July 11	July 12	Marseilles via Saigon

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"WILLIAM LUCKENBACH"	Manila	June 8	June 10	San Francisco & Los Angeles via Japan
"WILLIAM LUCKENBACH"	San Francisco	June 10	June 11	Singapore, Penang & Port Swettenham
"WILLIAM LUCKENBACH"	Singapore	June 20	June 29	San Francisco & Los Angeles via Kobe & Nagoya

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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

A Barometer Treasuries Cannot Ignore

Top Priority Topic In The World's Business Circles

London.

It is not so many years since "Balance of Payments" was but a term discussed only in the chancelleries and in the innermost councils of the national banks of most of the countries of the world.

To the ordinary man or woman it meant little or nothing. Certainly they probably never dreamt that this expression would play so large a part in their daily lives as it has done since 1945.

It has become a barometer upon which the eye of Treasuries ever rests; it sends out its warnings, to which heed must be given, as it must be, to the factors which have an effect upon it, says the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*.

Want Increased Wheat Prices

Ottawa, May 27.
The Food Minister told Parliament last night that Canada took the stand at the recent International Wheat Agreement conference in London that there should be a substantial increase in wheat prices.
He added that the United States, Australia and other exporting countries adopted a similar position.
Action on minimum and maximum prices has been delayed while the question was given further study by an international committee.
—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business continued in the doldrums on the Stock Exchange this morning when the total value was only \$30,022. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS			
East Asiatic	1200		
INSURANCES			
Union	715	50	Q 740
DOCKS, ETC.			
Union	70		
N. P. Wharf	515		
XO	1600	Q 10.80	
Wheeler	4235		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	720		
HK Land	4125		
(Ria)	37	75	Q 35
Shui Land	1.05	115	
UTILITIES			
Power	15.00	3500	Q 15.70
Star Ferry	30	200	Q 15.80
Water (O)	8.15	8.20	
C. Light (N)	515		
Electric	20.90	100	Q 20.90
INDUSTRIALS			
Rope	1715		
STOLES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.60	100	Q 15.60
Watson	3215	21	Q 1
CRAWFORD			
COTTONS			
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The Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 27.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	70 1/2
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1952.

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ITALY RECOVERS HER WAR-TIME SHIPPING LOSSES

Rome, May 27.

War cost Italy 90 per cent of her merchant marine but today her mercantile fleet again is seventh largest in the world with 3,363,118 tons.

Italy's total merchant shipping tonnage by 1941 had reached the 3,000,000 mark. Then war reduced it to 371,000 tons by September, 1945, according to the Ministry of Merchant Marine.

The shipping industry received a needed shot in the arm in 1949 when the government granted a large subsidy of 34,000,000,000 Lire (about \$54,400,000) to Italian shipyards.

S. KOREA SITUATION DISCUSSED

Munsan, May 27.

The UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea today conferred with President Syngman Rhee on the political situation in South Korea.

An official release from UNCURK headquarters here said the UN Commission "is closely following political events in Korea" and conferred with President Rhee on "this subject."

But the release did not disclose any details of the meeting. The Commission said it has been holding a series of meetings since yesterday to discuss the political developments in Korea.

The discussion apparently involved the arrest of several National Assemblymen which followed the proclamation of an emergency martial law on Sunday.

SECRET FUNDS

A South Korean government spokesman said yesterday that the Reds were sending "secret operational funds" into the Republic of Korea and that "several National Assemblymen were involved."

No official comment was made by the UNCURK representatives. However, a source close to UNCURK here said they had expressed "deep concern" about the situation.

The Commission said it met this morning with Major-General Won Yong-duk, Martial Law Commander in the Pusan district. The General's report was not disclosed.

UNCURK is charged with following closely the development of democratic institutions in Korea. It was established on October 7, 1950.—Associated Press.

Racketeers Continue To Owe Taxes

Washington, May 27.

Senator John Williams told the Senate today that big-time Chicago racketeers, including members of the Capone family, had escaped or still owed almost \$1,000,000 in taxes, dating back to prohibition days.

He listed three cases which he said would help determine the accuracy or inaccuracy of his charges that gamblers and gangsters got a better statement from tax collectors than the average taxpayer.

Senator Williams said Ralph "Bottles" Capone, brother of the late "Scarface" Al Capone, owed money in unpaid taxes and penalties on his income from 1922 to 1928.

He added that, as late as last January, Capone was trying to settle the claim "for a small fraction of the total amount due."

"The net result is that for the past 23 years the Federal government has been financing Ralph Capone's racketeering operations to the extent of \$98,000 without even collecting any interest," he said.

He also said that John "Greasy Thumb" Guzik, former paymaster for the Capone gang, was allowed to settle an \$802,000 tax claim for \$100,000.

He added that Al Capone, Guzik and other Chicago hoodlums were allowed to settle \$119,367 in unpaid beer taxes for \$30,000.—United Press.

With this aid, Italy had rebuilt 71.25 per cent of its merchant fleet by the end of 1949. By June 30, 1950, 78.02 per cent of Italy's mercantile tonnage was replaced, according to Paolo Capra, Minister of Merchant Marine.

Last year Premier Alcide de Gasperi's government poured another 8,600,000,000 Lire (about \$13,760,000) into the ship building industry.

Late figures show Italy's present tonnage is 3,363,118. Of this, 114,308 tons consist of vessels with sail or sail and auxiliary motors, according to the Ministry of Merchant Marine.

Of the 4,520 merchant ships afloat under the Italian flag, the largest number of them—3,200—are small sailing vessels, some with auxiliary motors.

The Merchant Marine Ministry announced that Italian shipyards are now constructing 212 additional ships of all sizes for an additional 411,000 tons.

Plans also are being pushed to construct 250,000 tons of oil tankers.

The government is expected to contribute about 20 per cent of the cost of this construction, the Ministry said.

Despite several destructive wars, figures show that Italian shipping tonnage has more than tripled in the past 70 years.

In 1881, the Italian merchant marine consisted of a million tons. Fifteen years later, the tonnage had dropped to 800,000 tons. By 1931 the total tonnage had risen to 2,200,000 tons. It reached the 3,000,000 mark 10 years later only to drop to the low point of 371,000 tons at the end of World War II.

Of the total tonnage afloat, 50 per cent is less than 10 years old, Italian figures say. England leads the world in total tonnage of merchant ships with 22,000,000 tons. The United States follows with 13,000,000, then Norway with 7,500,000, Panama with 6,000,000, Holland with 3,070,000, France with 3,000,000, and Italy with 3,363,118.—Associated Press.

Legionnaires Repatriated

Singapore, May 28.

Three German deserters from the French Foreign Legion have left Singapore in the Portuguese ship India for Hamburg, after detention in prison here for the past six months.

The three Legionnaires—H. Ronde, 29-year-old steel moulder, R. Schulz, 22, bricklayer, and W. Schulz, 26, miner—made a dramatic bid for freedom last year, when they jumped overboard from their Indo-China-bound troopship Geradmer in Singapore waters.

After two hours in the water, they were rescued and brought to Singapore.

They said the treatment they received from the local authorities, even while in the remand prison, was "very kind." It contrasted with their life in the Legion.

The three hope to find jobs in Western Germany.—Reuter.

REDS RAID USIS OFFICE

Bordeaux, May 27.

Communist demonstrators broke into the United States Information Service library here tonight and tore up books and pamphlets in protest against General Matthew Ridgway and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The demonstrators headed for the library after police had prevented them from holding an anti-Ridgway rally near the United States Consulate.

Police dispersed the demonstrators. There were no casualties.—United Press.

Queen Visits Chelsea Flower Show



A happy, smiling picture of Queen Elizabeth and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh (second from right), at the famous Chelsea Flower Show in London last week. — London Express.

Australia's Nest Of Traitors

Canberra, May 27.

There is "a small but extremely dangerous nest of traitors" in the Australian civil service, Mr Richard Casey, External Affairs Minister, said today.

He said the Government had started a probe into the leakage over the Treaty of Commerce, Friendship and Shipping with the United States.

The document was printed by the Sydney Communist newspaper Tribune recently.

Government investigation into the leakage is still going on, Mr Casey said in answer to questions in the House of Representatives.

There was an uproar in the Chamber when Liberal member William Wentworth asked when Dr John Burton-Labour MP now visiting Peking for a "peace conference" ceased to be head of the External Affairs Department with access to the document.

Mr Casey said the leakage had been identified from a draft circulated to four of five departments about February 1950.

Mr Burton ceased to be head of the External Affairs Department in mid-1950, and since the draft was not printed until late in 1951 Mr Casey said he did not think the "gentleman in question has been responsible."

Mr Casey added that the leakage of information was not so important in this case.—Reuter.

Russian Envoy Leaving

London, May 27.

The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Georgi Zarubin, is leaving his present office and returning to Moscow early next month, an Embassy source told Reuter today.

M. Zarubin has been Ambassador to Britain since January 1947.

He paid a farewell visit to the Foreign Office yesterday, when he met Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. Some reports had suggested that his visit to the Foreign Office was in the nature of a protest against the signing of the treaty with Western Germany in Bonn yesterday.

It is not yet known who will succeed M. Zarubin.—Reuter.

CLEARING FRONTIER SITES

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that no shots were fired at anyone, but the investigation was continuing.

An Army spokesman said unnecessary firing of weapons by American GIs along the border was an offence "definitely punishable by court martial."

One source said approximately 15 shots were fired, but neither the German nor the American authorities could confirm this figure. All sources agreed that there was no firing at anybody in particular on either side of the border.—United Press.

Businessmen To Advise Govt

Singapore, May 27.

The three Chambers of Commerce in Singapore are to form an Association of Chambers of Commerce to maintain close contact with the government and give advice on trade matters.

The association, it is stated, will not encroach on the individual functions of the three Chambers.

The Chambers are the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, which embodies European business firms, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Indian Chamber of Commerce.—Associated Press.

Boatner Overhauls His Staff

Koje Island, May 28.

Brigadier-General H. L. Boatner personally completed overhaul yesterday (Tuesday) of the top level staff he hopes will help him straighten out the confused administration on the U.N. prisoner of war camp No. 1.

Capt. Boatner was handed the Koje assignment after the kidnapping of Colonel (then Brigadier-General) Francis T. Dodd by his own prisoners and the removal of Dodd's successor, Colonel (also Brigadier-General) at the time Charles F. Colson.

After two weeks on the job, Gen. Boatner got a new Deputy Commander and Executive Officer.

Colonel Maurice J. Fitzgerald, Dodd's predecessor as Camp Commander since February, left Koje yesterday for an assignment as a police adviser to the Korean government. He was replaced by Colonel Harold L. Taylor of Washington.—Associated Press.

Tried To Sell Hospital Chits

Instead of collecting \$3 each for two weeks treatment chits at Kowloon Hospital Clinic on May 27, Leung Fun, a 35-year-old female, collected a \$100 fine with the option of one month from Mr K. Y. Yung at Kowloon Court this morning.

The prosecution said that Leung was seen outside the Clinic selling the chits to two Chinese females on May 27.

MR D. S. HILL'S ACCIDENT

Mr D.S. Hill, a director of Reiss, Bradley and Co., Ltd., was knocked down by a taxi in Rome on May 13 and suffered a fractured thigh-bone.

Mr Hill was going to a Rotary dinner when the accident occurred. He was taken to San Giacomo Hospital in Augusta where he is expected to be for about 40 days.

Ex-Premier To Issue An Appeal

Bangkok, May 28.

The former Cambodian Premier, Son Noe Thanh, now acknowledged leader of the Free Cambodians, is preparing to send appeals to nations both of the free world and behind the Iron Curtain to use their influence to halt French retaliatory measures against Cambodian people who are not actively fighting the French.

The appeals will be transmitted to the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia, Communist China, India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Japan, according to a Free Cambodian source.

The source said Son was now definitely in Cambodia amidst the Cambodian forces and added that if the French wanted to arrest him they should seek out the Free Cambodian troops.

Appeals will also be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations and permanent delegates of the countries mentioned, the source continued.

Son's utterance said Cambodia was now practically a "subdued country deprived of authority."

He charged that since he had accepted the Free Cambodian leadership the French "have redoubled oppression and terror against the Cambodian people."

"Entire villages are burned, men subjugated, women maltreated, even cattle not spared," he wrote. "The people are subjected to unbearable vexations, death, misery and famine."—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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